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FINN-SWEDISH ESTRANGEMENT?

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HELSINKI, TO-DAY.
SUMMING UP THE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF
THE SOVIET-FINNISH PEACE, FOREIGN OB-
SERVERS POINT OUT THE DISAPPEARANCE
OF THE IMMEDIATE THREAT OF NORTHERN
EUROPE BECOMING A WORLD BATTLEFIELD.

But one fact remains clear: Russia now is able to dispose of 40 more divisions and 2,000 planes for future operations or for diplomatic pressure in the Balkans or elsewhere.

Finnish opinion is that the peace will wipe out Finnish hatred for the Russians, while the Swedish attitude may result in Finland becoming estranged from Sweden.

SWISS TAKE ALARM AT EVENTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Zurich, To-day.

The Swiss press reflects the near-consternation which is felt in Switzerland over the Soviet-Finnish peace treaty.

Some papers feel that Finland's submission was due to the fact that she was left in the lurch by the other Scandinavian countries, while other papers feel that her submission was due to pressure from, and fear of, Germany.

The responsibility for her submission is also laid at the feet of the "two big nations" which joined in the League's condemnation of the Soviet aggression and contented themselves with that.—Havas.

GLOOMY VIEWS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

With the conclusion of the Soviet-Finnish war Swiss quarters foresee a possible increase in Soviet-German trade, with larger Russian oil supplies flowing into Germany and, perhaps, with more neutrals being included in the Soviet-German economic system.

Most of the Swiss newspapers consider the peace a political defeat for the Allies.—Havas.

RIBBENTROP REPORT

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler obtained first-hand information about the peace talks yesterday: Ribbentrop made his report immediately on arrival.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: East and south-east winds, light to moderate; fine generally with mist or fog in morning.

MILITARY ALLIANCE DEMANDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The "Svenska Dagbladet" insists on the necessity of a Swedish-Norwegian-Danish military alliance.

The "Tidningen" deplores the lack of Swedish military preparations which, the newspaper alleges, prevented her from granting Finland effective assistance.—Havas.

DOLLAR SALARIES IN THE S.M.C.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Future engagements of staff of the Shanghai Municipal Council will be on the basis of arranging salaries in local currency only, according to an announcement made by the Council yesterday afternoon.

Retirement benefits will be on the same basis.

Previously employees engaged overseas received superannuation in Sterling at a fixed rate of exchange.

The new measure indicates the financial difficulties of the Council but a proviso is made for a case where required specialised persons cannot be obtained on other than a foreign currency basis.—Our Own Correspondent.

MASTER OF BOTHNIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Political circles point out that the Soviet is now master of the Gulf of Bothnia and will probably turn its eyes towards the Balkans and the Near East.

As regards the Far East, it is expected that Russia will increase her assistance to China, thereby inducing Japan to improve relations with the Western Powers.—Havas.

FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF FINNISH WAR

Moscow, To-day.

The final communique of the war claims the occupation of Viborg after two hours storming.—Reuter.

NEW VICTORY FOR FORCE.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

**MOST OF THE BELGIAN PRESS
STREBESSES THE FINNISH COURAGE
IN AN UNEQUAL FIGHT.**

General opinion here is the peace means a defeat for Sweden as well as a success for Germany.

The "Gazette" says: "This peace is a new victory for brutal force. Violence continues to pay."

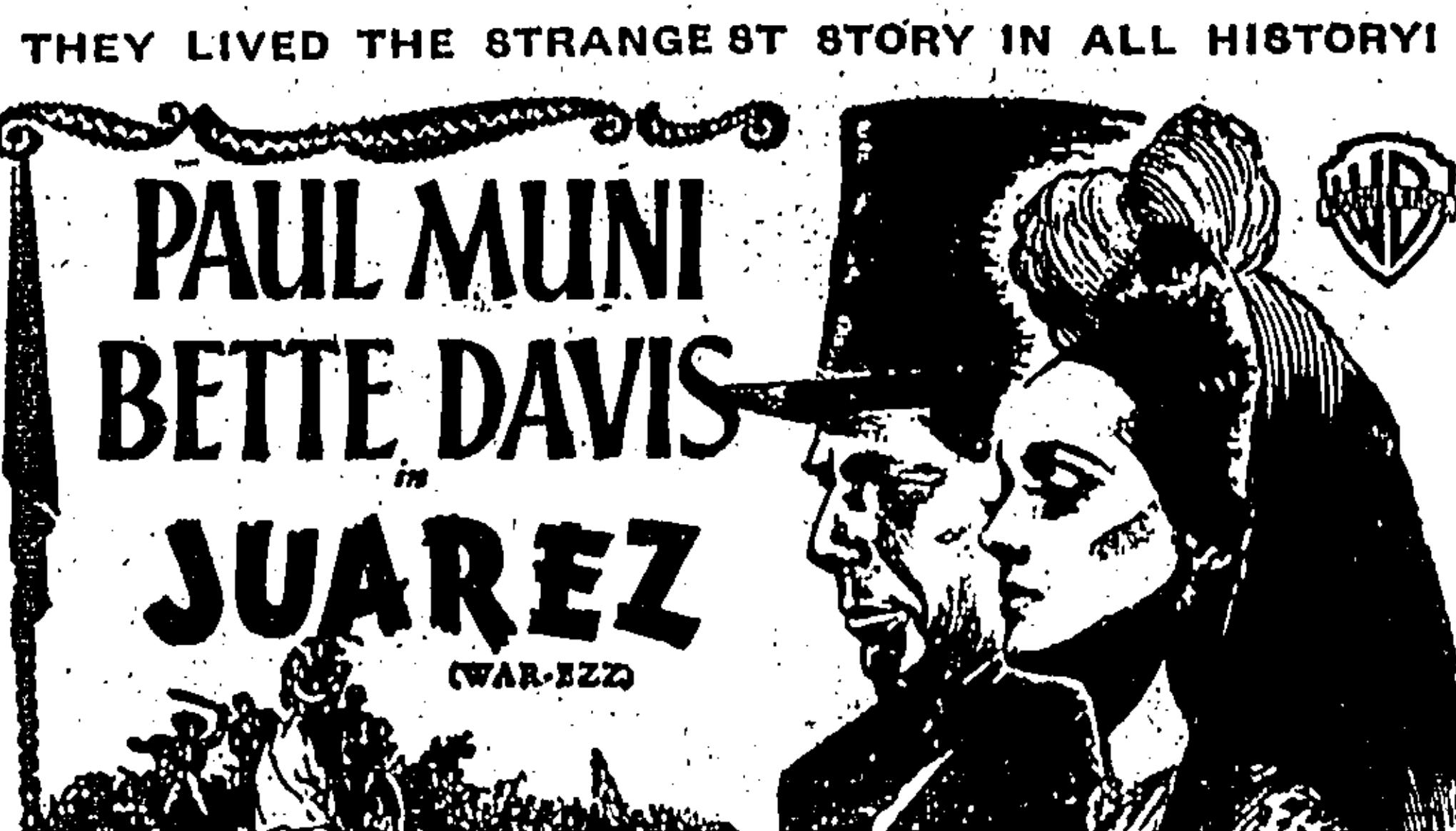
Other newspapers express the fear that Germany will soon derive great benefit from the peace.—Havas.



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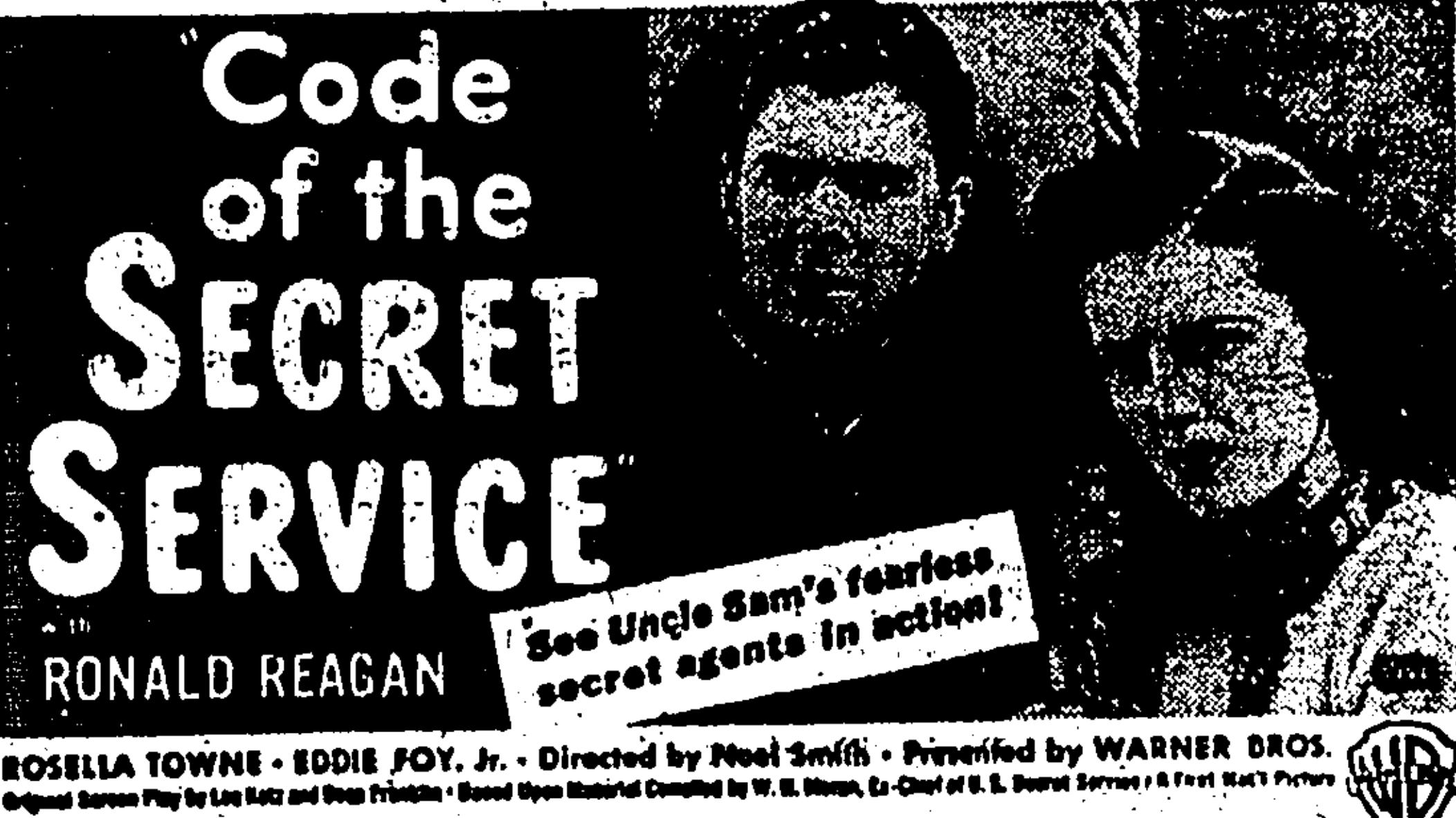


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SHANGHAI ENDS SPECULATOR'S PARADISE

(Special To "China Mail" From Our Own Correspondent)

Shanghai, To-day.
HERALDING THE END of the speculator's paradise here the Shanghai Municipal Council yesterday issued a proclamation by which hoarders, profiteers and manipulators in vital necessities will be prosecuted by law.

This step follows closely on a similar proclamation issued by the French Council on February 19 by which a specially appointed committee was empowered to confiscate undeclared stocks and authorised to inspect books and documents with a view to ascertaining cost prices.

Meanwhile, prices continue their upward trend steadily.

Queues of more than 500 persons await their turn in front of each of the 28 stores entitled to sell cheap flour for the poor.

The population is suffering heavily as they are almost unable to purchase rice, with a picul quoted above \$60.

Many employers are giving rice allowances which, however, are not sufficient to cope with the high prices.

LABOUR UNREST

Continuous labour unrest has resulted and unless the Settlement authorities proceed in the strictest manner, no improvement is likely.

I was unable to ascertain what steps the Council is taking but it is known that for some days the Council's legal advisers have been studying the Chungking anti-profiteering laws which foresee life terms for offenders.

Hitherto the maximum prison sentence imposed on profiteers has been 15 days.—Our Own Correspondent.

RUBBER SHOE KING

Mr. Chan Ka-kong, Singapore millionaire, and owner of several large

WANCHAI FIRE BURNS

WITH SEVERAL WATER-HOSES STILL CONCENTRATED ON THE FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT IN THE WAREHOUSE OF MESSRS. KWONG SANG HONG, LIMITED, WELL-KNOWN PERFUME AND COSMETICS MANUFACTURERS, THROUGHOUT LAST NIGHT, THE FIRE WAS STILL BURNING, TODAY.

According to the company's officials, three-years' supply of materials, stored in the warehouse, have been destroyed, as well as between 8,000 and 9,000 bags of rice.

Owing to the caving in of the roof, firemen were unable to enter the building. Positioned on the roofs of nearby buildings they are still directing hoses on the burning debris.

Damage is conservatively estimated at \$500,000.

rubber footwear factories, will sail on March 23 for Hong Kong, according to local Chinese reports.

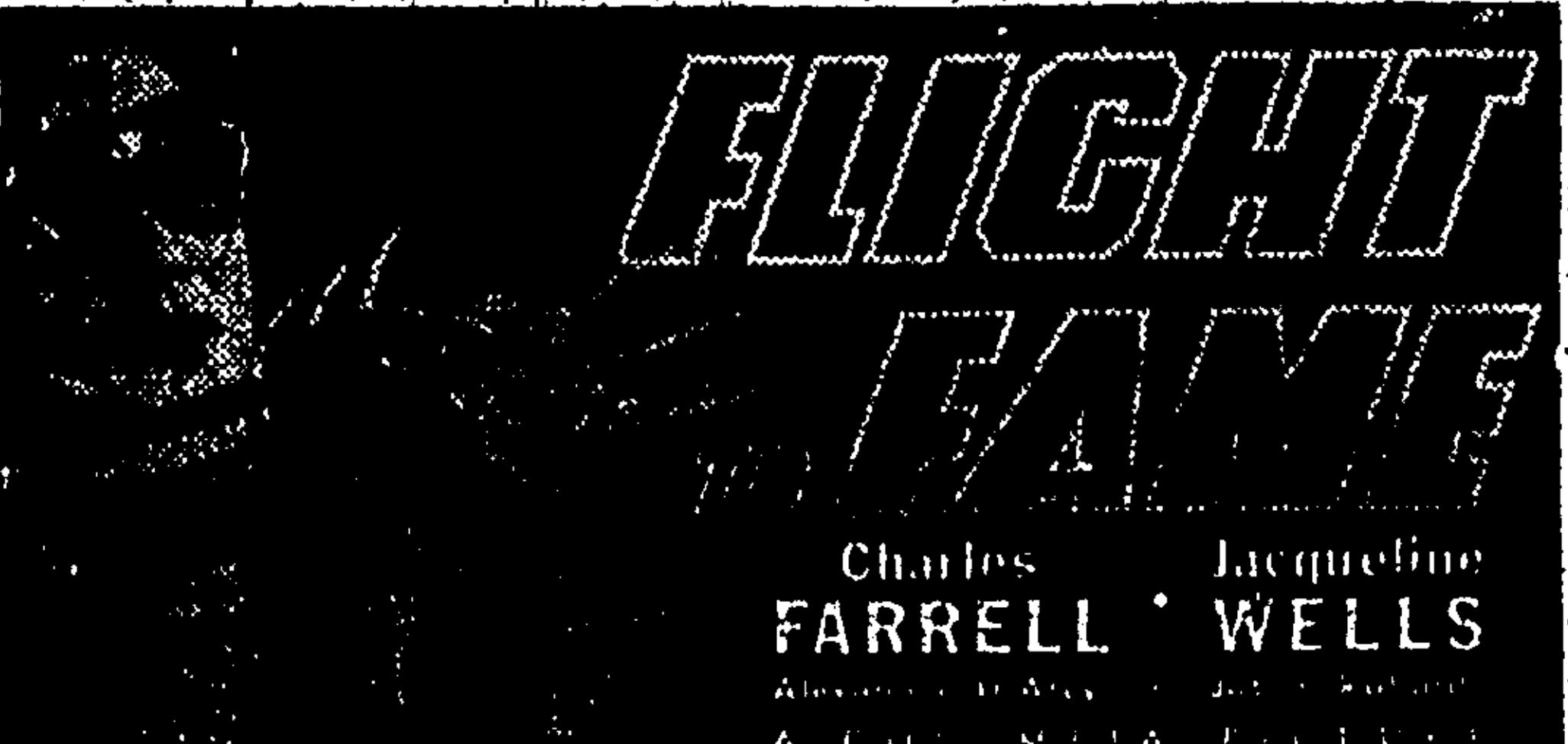
It is added that Mr. Chen plans to visit Chungking.

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GOVERNMENT AND THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL

"THE DAYS ARE PASSED when such essential services as the care of the sick poor could be left to private charity and the duty of the state in such matters has long been recognised," said His Excellency the Governor this morning, addressing the old and new committees of the Tung Wah Hospital at the annual reception.

"This year," said Sir Geoffrey, "marks the 70th anniversary of the incorporation of the Tung Wah Hospital. On March 30th, 1870, an ordinance was passed for the establishment of a Chinese Hospital for the care and treatment of the indigent sick to be supported by voluntary contributions, and it is recorded in the preamble to that ordinance that the Government of the day contributed a piece of Crown Land as a site and a donation of \$15,000 for its erection and maintenance. Last year the cost of maintaining the three hospitals belonging to the Corporation amounted to between seven and eight hundred thousand dollars, excluding expenditure on the maintenance of free schools and the repatriation of destitute refugees and others, services to the community which have been performed by successive committees for many years.

Of this large sum rather less than half has been derived from income from investments and from voluntary subscriptions; and Government has recognised that it is incumbent upon it to increase the grant-in-aid very largely in these circumstances.

BILL FOR TAXPAYER

You are all familiar with the circumstances which led to this situation, and I need not go into them now. The result of Government taking so much greater a share in these social services has required the taxpayer to foot a much larger bill, and consequently it is the more important that he should have information regarding the manner in which his contribution is to be expended and an assurance that his interests are being safe-guarded. It is with this end in view that the changes introduced during the past three years have been instituted.

It has proved no easy task to overhaul and recast a system that has worked and worked well for nearly seventy years. Such an undertaking is never popular and Mr. Chau and his colleagues deserve much credit for their willingness to accept the responsibility in the face of very serious problems. The debt of gratitude owed to them by the community is the greater because they have carried their burden for twice the normal time, that is to say for two years instead of one and very difficult years at that. I should like, in particular, to express my appreciation of the very

valuable work done by Mr. Chau personally in reorganising and bringing up to date the system of accounting in the hospitals and in preparing statistics of all kinds. Certain outstanding questions still remain to be settled, but I have every hope that, now that agreement has been reached on general principles, Mr. Lee and his colleagues will be able to find a solution to these problems.

CONDITIONS OF GRANT

One thing I wish to make clear at this juncture. It is, I think, inevitable that the Government grant to the Tung Wah Corporation will in future remain at a high figure and there are certain conditions which must attach to such a grant. Those conditions govern all Government expenditure and cannot be foregone. In the first place, there must be definite figures before the Legislative Council when the Colony's estimates are being drawn up showing clearly how the proposed grant for the next year is to be expended; secondly, the Tung Wah Directors must realise that they may not over-expend that grant without bringing a liability upon the Tung Wah Corporation; and thirdly, the expenditure of the grant must be subject to the same financial and audit control as all other Government votes have to undergo.

These conditions are in no way onerous and I can assure you gentlemen that close and conscientious observance of them will bring in its train harmonious and tranquil administration of this great corporation's responsibilities.

TRIBUTE TO ADVISORS

I cannot close without a tribute to the invaluable assistance of Sir Robert Kotewall and the other members of the Advisory Board, in particular Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. T. N. Chau and Dr. Li Shu Fan, who have served or are serving on the Medical Committee. Membership of the Medical Committee is no sinecure and I am most grateful to these gentlemen for their willingness to add this to their many public activities.

I have followed with much interest Mr. Lee's statement of policy. I observe gladly the new Committee's enthusiasm and I wish them all success in their undertakings.

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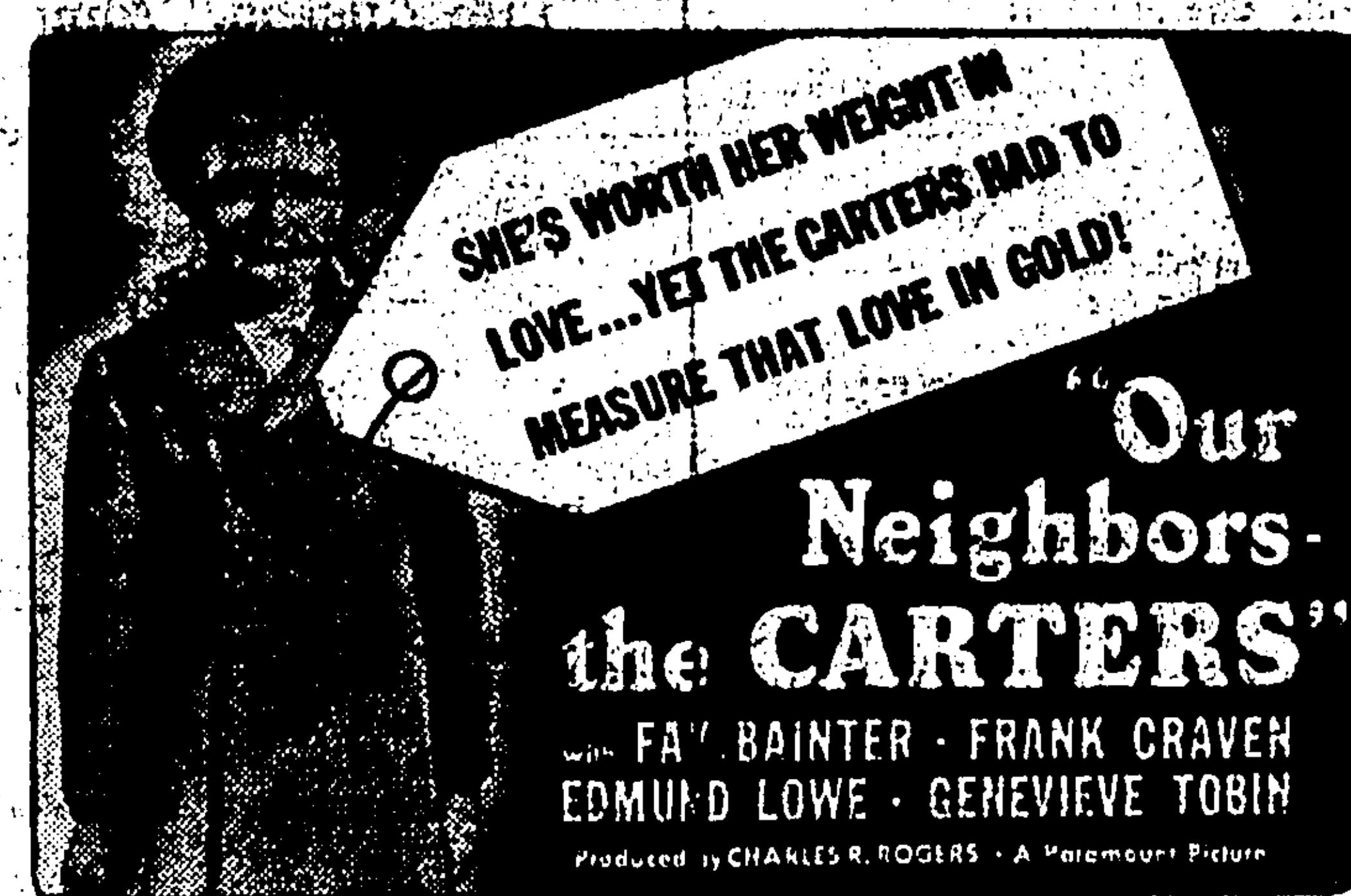
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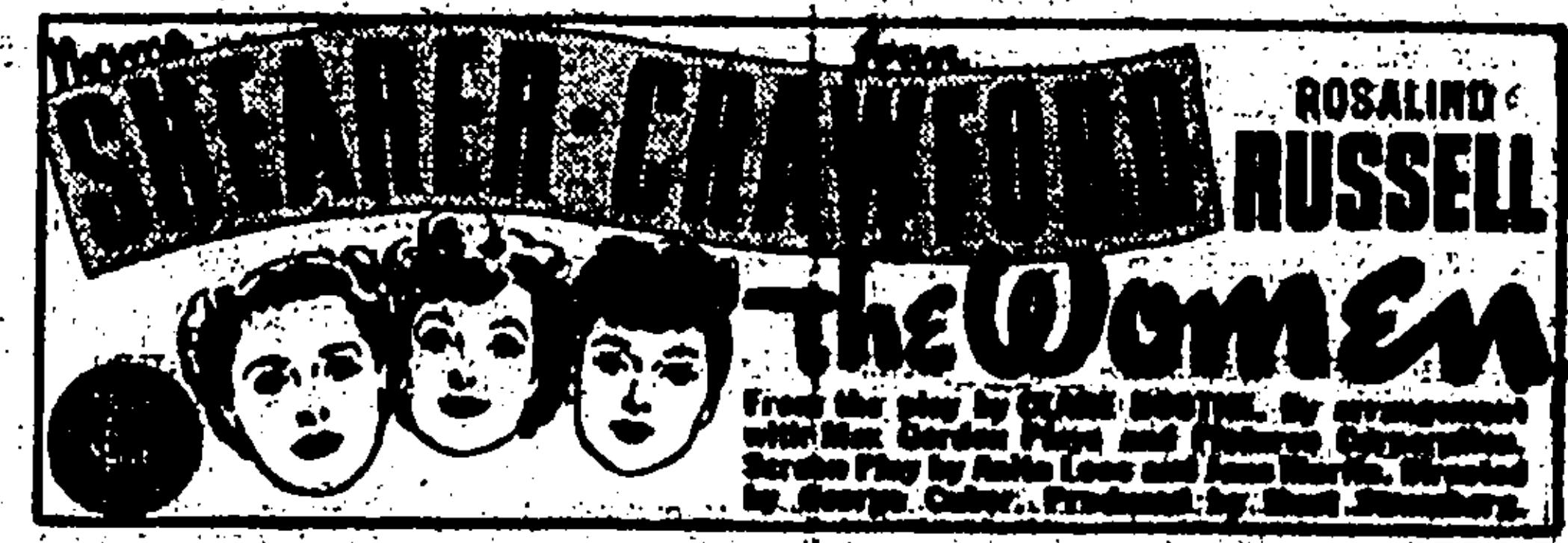
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RUSSIANS BOMB GIRL SKATER

A Finnish schoolgirl skating on a lake was attacked by two Russian bombers and machine-gunned, according to Paris radio. She dived into the snow and the pilot, unable to see her, bombed the place where she last stood. She escaped.

TIENTSIN TARIFF DISCLOSURE

LONDON, To-day.

MR. I. C. HANNAH (CONS. BILSTON) ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER WAS AWARE THAT THERE WAS A REGULAR TARIFF LEVIED BY THE JAPANESE ARMY ON ALL CHINESE ENTERING THE BRITISH CONCESSION AT TIENTSIN, RESULTING IN A HEAVY TAX ON BRITISH MERCHANDISE.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said reports were current to this effect.

His Majesty's Government had frequently made representations to the Japanese Government on the injury caused to British interests by the restrictions on movements of merchandise in this area.—Reuter.

COST OF THE WAR

London, To-day.

When the Commons yesterday afternoon went into the committee of supply the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the vote of a credit for £700,000,000 for wartime expenditure, gave several details of Government expenditure on the war.

Sir John Simon recalled that on September 1 the House had authorised a vote of credit of £500,000,000 to cover outlay likely to be increased in the near future. Up to March 9 the amount which had been spent out of this sum was in the neighbourhood of £300,000,000, he said, and "so far as one could see at the end of the financial year there would probably be short spending of something between seventy and a hundred millions out of the five hundred millions authorized."—British Wireless.

HER LIFE A MISERY THROUGH BACKACHE

Pain So Bad She Could Scarcely Walk

Three years of horrible suffering and then at last—glorious relief! This woman feels it her duty to tell other sufferers how she got back her health. Here in her letter she tells her story:—"I feel it my duty to tell you how, after nearly three years of suffering with neuritis and terrible backache, I have, after taking two bottles of Kruschen Salts, practically cured myself. I have been in hospital, had radiant heat, etc., but nothing touched it until I read about Kruschen Salts, and the benefits derived from them. I can walk at least three miles a day now, and before I could scarcely crawl about the house. Kruschen is really wonderful."—(Mrs.) A.N.

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WAR SACRIFICES MUST PRODUCE SOLID RESULT

London, To-day.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON in London yesterday Sir John Simon said that just two years ago Germany marched into Austria. Almost exactly one year ago Hitler, in breach of the most solemn assurances given six months before, invaded Czechoslovakia.

Within a few weeks Britain and France gave their joint assurance to Poland that if she were attacked they would not stand idly by.

It was the measure of the ignorance and folly by which Hitler was advised that he believed they would not keep their word.

Now there was a deep, intense and universal determination and resolve in the free Democracies of Britain and France, who were both passionately devoted to peace, to see the war through. Such unanimity in support of the war was a very striking and impressive fact.

The chancellor of the Exchequer went on to say there could be no future for free men in Europe unless Nazi domination was effectively curbed.

Peace must include the restoration of freedom to Czechs and Poles but the most difficult and at the same time most essential condition was that there should be effective guarantees that there would be no renewal of Nazi aggression in future.

PROMISES NO GOOD

A verbal promise to that effect would hardly inspire confidence, for verbal promises had been broken by Hitler in the past.

It was these circumstances which made them say it was impossible to reach any settlement as long as Hitler and those colleagues who think with him are in power. The durability of the settlement was as important as its contents.

"We are sacrificing so much—in manhood, trade, wealth and social progress—that we must make really certain the sacrifice produces a solid result.

And in that new world of free people which should arise out of the war there will be living room for all—for the German people no less than for the rest."—British Wireless.

CONSEQUENCES NO MIND CAN FORESEE

Vatican City, To-day. Political, economic and moral turmoils have started repercussions the consequences of which no mind can foresee, said the Pope, referring to the international situation, in his allocution to members of the Sacred College who came to congratulate him on the first anniversary of his enthronement.—Reuter.

COMMONSENSE OF ANGLO-ITALIAN ACCORD

Buenos Aires, To-day. The newspaper "Nacion" applauds the commonsense of the solution of the Anglo-Italian coal shipments dispute. The journal "El Dia de la Plata" considers the solution a victory for Britain, weakening Italo-German ties.—Reuter.

TIBET'S THANKS

Shanghai, To-day. The Regent of Tibet has wired to Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the Chinese National Government, expressing thanks on behalf of the new Dalai Lama to whom large quantities of gifts were presented on his enthronement on February 22, says the "Sin Wan Pao."—Reuter.

SCHACHT GOING TO SWEDEN ON MISSION

Stockholm, To-day. According to the newspaper "Föderingen," Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, ex-President of the German Reichsbank, is being sent here on a special mission.—Reuter.

WE MAY FIGHT A FINNISH WAR --SWISS GENERAL

A Swiss Army Chief told his soldiers that Switzerland may some day be called upon to fight the same kind of war as the Finns.

This is the opinion of Generalissimo Henri Guisan, who spoke at the Swiss national ski championships.

The Finns, he said, are a "tiny liberty-loving nation, fighting a huge ogre—an ogre that eats its young like a crocodile. Skiers are the backbone of her Army."—Associated Press.

ALIENS GET THE BEER

Aliens detained in Britain are to be allowed new privileges, the Home Secretary announced.

They will be allowed a pint of ale every day; or, if they prefer it, stout, cider or a half bottle of wine.

The prisoners—all are regarded as hostile aliens—will also be allowed to wear their own clothes, to write and receive letters, to smoke and to do work for wages.

CONTRAST: Until war began, wounded men of the last war in the Star and Garter Home, Richmond, were given a pint of beer every day. When war was declared the beer was stopped for economy reasons. There were protests.

Now the men get their beer three days a week.

QUESTION: Is it better to be an enemy alien of this war than a wounded British soldier of the last?

BOUND OVER FOR ATTACK

On seeing him cutting trees in their employer's field yesterday, Wong Kwong, Wong Pun and eight others attacked Ho Ming, 22, and injured him.

Ho Ming had to be removed to hospital, while his assailants were taken to the police station.

At Kowloon to-day before Mr. E. Himsorth, they were charged with assault and bound over.

The injured man was awarded \$2 compensation.

TUG-OF-WAR OVER HANDBAG

Mrs. C. M. Remedios, of Argyle Street, had a "tug-of-war" with a snatcher yesterday afternoon in Soares Avenue, resulting in slight injuries to her fingers, it was stated this morning at Kowloon when Lam Hoi, 23, was sentenced to four months' hard labour and 10 strokes and recommended for banishment.

Lam Hoi succeeded in getting the bag from Mrs. Remedios but was arrested by a passer-by.

COURT SYMPATHISES

Stating that he was forced to beg when he had no money to renew his hawking licence, Leung Man, 58, was this morning awarded \$4 from the Poor Box for the renewal of his licence by Mr. E. Himsorth at Kowloon when he was charged with begging.

PARKING OVERTIME

Mr. K. S. Kjaer, of Dina House, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for parking overtime in Chater Road on February 26. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Mr. A. S. Mitchell, of Union Insurance Society of Canton, was fined \$5 for a similar offence.—Reuter.

SKATERS GUARD FRONT

French and Swiss armed skaters rolled out barrels on to the ice on Lake les Brenets, in the Jura Mountains, to mark the frontier.

Civilian skaters were crossing and recrossing the frozen Franco-Swiss frontier which part of the lake forms, in their sport.

The lake froze over, and was filled with several hundred French and Swiss skaters.

Horrified border officers tried vainly to separate the skaters with foot soldiers, but these slipped and slid so much in chasing the skaters, who made a joke of the whole affair, that the troops were recalled.

FRONTIER MARKED

After a conference between French and Swiss officers in the region, the mid-lake frontier was marked with barrels and skating patrols of twenty armed soldiers were created on each side.

The soldiers were ordered to keep all skaters on their own side of the barrel frontier and to break up all attempts at conversation across the ice.

PUBLIC FOR CHURCHILL

Mr. Churchill is easily the most popular candidate for Prime Minister, Mr. Eden second—and nobody else in the running.

While there is talk in the lobbies that Sir John Simon will be the next holder of that office, his name, in a recent survey of public opinion, was mentioned less often than those of Mosley, Lansbury, Arthur Salter, Wells and Joad!

These results are referred to in "Us," a weekly intelligence service published by Mass-Observation, of which the first number has just been produced.

"What do you think about Oliver Stanley?" was the question put to a cross-section of people at the height of the Belisha crisis. One in twenty were in favour of him as War Minister, but the overwhelming majority (69 per cent.) simply couldn't answer the question at all.

"This is the highest percentage of negative, don't know, answers ever recorded."

SALT SURTAX IN SZECHUAN

Shanghai, To-day. With a view to reorganising the administration of the salt surtax, the Finance Ministry of the Chinese Government has decided to take over control of salt mines in Szechuan province, says the "Shi Wan Pao." No drastic change, however, will be effected in administration of the mines.—Reuter.

JAPAN DISSEMBLES

Admiral Yonai Says Nothing In Long Speech

MR. EDEN ON HERR HITLER

London, To-day.

The Dominions Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, speaking in London yesterday said that his personal knowledge of the Nazi Fuehrer did not make him unduly depressed by the knowledge that Hitler considered his opponents unworthy of him.

His own reflections on his meetings with Hitler had been that he was constitutionally incapable of understanding the working in mind or spirit of a free democracy.

Mr. Eden wished that some of the leaders of Nazi Germany might have shared his experience of work with the Dominions Government for then they might have been spared some of the mistakes they made and the world might have been spared war.

It was quite impossible to exaggerate the measure and spirit of the collaboration received from the overseas Dominions.

Dealing with the Empire Air Training Scheme, Mr. Eden said that when in full working order the output of pilots, air crews and observers was estimated at 50,000 in a year.

Referring to his visit to the men of the overseas forces, Mr. Eden said: "All of you would be impressed by their attitude of quiet determination. They are men with a mission and with a purpose.

The Dominions voluntarily decided to enter on the war to overthrow Nazism.

They knew perfectly well that this was not a European quarrel.

They had no mercenary motives.

They knew it was not a contest between two Dynasties but between two distinct, antagonistic conceptions of life — a conflict of standards of wholly divergent moral and spiritual values. — British Wireless.

FINAL ROUND OF WELLES' VISITS

London, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles, at the end of his visit to London called upon the Prime Minister last evening with the American Ambassador.

Lord Halifax was present at this second interview as at the first on Monday. Mr. Welles was Mr. Chamberlain's guest at dinner.

He leaves London to-day. The United States Assistant Secretary of State has made a large number of contacts in the three days he has spent in London and the general feeling is that he cannot fail to have been struck by the unity of outlook among personalities, differing politically and in other ways, on the essential purposes of the Allies in the present struggle.

The British Government's aims have been proclaimed to the world so clearly that Mr. Welles must have had to seek many fewer elucidations in London than in Berlin but it is certain that any questions which he may have had to ask have been answered with the utmost frankness by the British ministers, the cordiality of whose reception of Mr. Welles has been as genuine as it has been evident. — British Wireless.

GRACIE FIELDS TO MARRY

Los Angeles, To-day. Monty Banks, who directed three of Gracie Fields' films, stated yesterday that he and Gracie are to be married shortly. — Reuter.

NAZI COAL BY RAIL FOR ITALY

ROME, TO-DAY. GERMANY AND ITALY SIGNED A COAL AGREEMENT FOLLOWING THE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN SIGNOR MUSSOLINI AND NAZI FOREIGN MINISTER RIBBENTROP, STATES AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE.

The agreement provides that future coal supplies from Germany will come by rail.

This, adds the communique, will enable Italian requirements to be covered "almost entirely." — Reuter.

DECLINE IN ROAD TOLL

LONDON, TO-DAY. THERE HAS BEEN A FURTHER DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF ROAD ACCIDENTS. DURING FEBRUARY, THERE WERE 419 DEATHS, 44 LESS THAN FOR FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, DESPITE THE BLACKOUT.

This figure is only two-thirds of January's total and much less than

OMITTED ALL IT IS ESSENTIAL TO KNOW

London, To-day.

ALTHOUGH THERE HAS not yet been time for newspaper comment, official and Far Eastern circles told Reuter they agree that the Japanese Premier's statement on Tokyo's support of Wang Ching-wei says nothing new and omits everything the other powers want to know.

They point out it contains no mention of the terms Japan grants to Wang Ching-wei, no repetition of Prince Konoye's pledge that Japan demands neither territory nor indemnity, and no indication of the exact nature of "Japan's new order in East Asia."

Reuter learns that Tokyo has been frequently pressed to explain what the new order means and has always refused to be explicit.

Referring to Wang Ching-wei's anticipated "government," official circles recall that both Great Britain and the United States have made it perfectly plain to Japan that they adhere to the Nine-Power Treaty and that there is no likelihood they will change their attitude.

Chinese circles received the Japanese Premier's statement with derision, and

insist Wang Ching-wei will never get any reputable following if Japan wishes to continue the war in China. — Reuter.

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How The "Long View" Is Interpreted

LONDON, TO-DAY.

USUALLY WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS IN LONDON, SAYS REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, ARE TAKING A LONG VIEW OF THE SOVIET-FINNISH SETTLEMENT AND ARE NOT IMPRESSED BY THE CLAIMS OF GERMANY AND THE PRO-GERMAN PRESS THAT IT CONSTITUTES A DEFEAT FOR THE ALLIED CAUSE.

It is true that a small state has been browbeaten and coerced into giving way to the demands of a powerful and unscrupulous neighbour, and also that the principle of the solidarity of small neutrals has received a setback, but materially the Allies are certainly not worse off, rather the contrary.

Although all arrangements had been made for the despatch of a powerful Allied expeditionary force to Finland, the opposition of the Norwegian and Swedish Governments, and the fact that Finland did not make a direct appeal, prevented the Allies carrying out these plans.

The consequences unfortunately were disastrous for Finland but the Allies are certainly not losers.

Furthermore, the Allies have been constantly supplying the Finns with war material of all descriptions. This stream of valuable material will now stop.

LEEWAY FOR RUSSIA

Although Russia, it is contended, will now be relieved of the exhausting effort of the war and might be assumed to be in a position to give more economic help to Germany, her losses have been so heavy that she will be licking her wounds for some time to come, and will have to make up a lot of leeway to restore her own resources.

It must not be forgotten that there was no mutual assistance pact between Russia and Germany and only a treaty of non-aggression, and although Germany may hope and endeavour to get increased supplies of oil, food and raw material from Russia, those most familiar with conditions in Moscow are convinced that Russia will in the first place consider Russian interests and not Germany's. — Reuter.

New York Comment

New York, To-day. Commenting on the end of the Finnish war the "New York Herald-Tribune" says: "It seems unlikely the Allies have suffered any loss so far as major military issues of the war are concerned.

"In this country there will be poignant regret at the outcome, however inevitable it may have been." — Reuter.

For Finns Alone

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day. A survey of yesterday's British Press shows that the majority stress that Finland had not suffered military defeat, and that the Finns alone could decide what risks they might run in the future and whether these justified the continuation of the war. — Hayes.

THE DISSOLUTION OF HITLERISM

New York, To-day. The "Worcester Telegram" says: "The decent part of the world desires the dissolution of Hitlerism but the world is not seeking the dissolution of Germany."

"Britain and France are fighting not to dismember the German nation but to free themselves from the menace of a ruthlessly expanding Germany." — Reuter.

VATICAN CRITICAL OF PASSIVE STAND OF SCANDINAVIANS

WHILE MOSCOW AND BERLIN are exulting over the Russo-Finnish peace and the Nazi spokesmen are hinting that now that Russia has got what she wanted Germany can get on with her business in the West, the Paris press expresses the hope that the Scandinavian countries will not have cause to regret their opposition to Allied aid to Finland.

"Journal des Debats" anticipates that Germany and Russia will now probably attempt a peace manoeuvre on a vast scale.

The Italian newspapers splash the peace treaty, says a Rome despatch.

"Giornale d'Italia" comments that the Baltic has again become a Russian sea, and adds the Russo-Finnish war provided one more proof of the uselessness of regional pacts between small countries and confirmed the impossibility of the League of Nations helping attacked countries.

INGLORIOUS SOVIET

The Italian newspapers interpret the peace as a serious setback for the Democracies, and consider that the Soviet emerged from the conflict ingloriously, especially as it was she who asked for peace.

"Osservatore Romano," the organ of the Vatican, severely condemns the peace treaty and deplores the fact that aggression has again met an unjust reward.

The Vatican journal adds that history will show, possibly in a short time, whether the fact of having tolerated Bolshevik expansion in the Baltic has not definitely compromised the integrity and sold the independence of all the Scandinavian countries. — Reuter.

BITTER COMMENT IN LORDS

London, To-day. The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, made a statement in the House of Lords yesterday afternoon on the Russo-Finnish armistice similar to that of the Prime Minister in the Commons.

Lord Snell, leader of the opposition, after stating the Finnish people had done all that bravery and endurance could do, said he would not comment on the other Scandinavian nations but he felt sure that if the day of their own trial came, the events of recent weeks and months could not be forgotten. — Reuter.

WARNED BEFOREHAND

Washington, To-day. Official circles remain silent on the Finnish-Soviet peace, but it seems generally to be the feeling that it comes as a piece of bad news to the Allies.

Joy at the end of the fighting is, of course, felt, but one Congress spokesman said yesterday:—

"I warned the Finnish leaders last November, even before the war began, that they must expect a conclusion to any war with Russia similar to the one that is now at hand." — Reuter.

Mr. M. R. Deb, of No. 17, Robinson Road, has reported his residence was entered early yesterday and jewellery to the value of \$283 stolen.

AMERICAN LOAN TO CHINA

LONDON, TO-DAY. ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER HIS ATTENTION HAD BEEN DRAWN TO THE RECENT DECISION OF THE EXPORT AND IMPORT BANK OF AMERICA TO PROVIDE A LOAN OF \$20,000,000 TO CHINA, MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAID NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBJECT APPEARED TO BE PROCEEDING.

His Majesty's Government were well aware of their obligations under the League of Nations, and they were carrying out these obligations to the best of their ability in the present difficult circumstances.

Asked if there was any truth in the report that the £3,000,000 granted for exports credits last summer had not yet been made fully available, and whether there was any other means by which assistance could be rendered to China, at the present time, Mr. Butler said the importance of helping China was very fully realised.

He did not think there was any doubt about the availability of the £3,000,000 credit. — Reuter.

MR. STOKES PERSISTS IN ATTACKS

LONDON, TO-DAY. MR. R. R. STOKES (LAB. IPSWICH) ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AND THE EX-GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO COMPRIZE THE MAJORITY OF THE MALAY STATES DELEGATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL TIN COMMITTEE, BUT WHO ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE TIN INDUSTRY, HAVE ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADVICE OFFERED BY THE OTHER MALAYAN DELEGATE AND THE ADVISER TO THE DELEGATION WHEN FIXING THE TIN QUOTAS.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, the Colonies Secretary, replied he did not think it would be in the public interest to disclose the private proceedings of the Malayan delegation, even if he was aware of them.

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that the two Malayan delegates to whom Mr. Stokes referred had performed their duties with great skill and to the benefit of Malayan industry for many years. He added he was satisfied that the decisions taken by the delegation as a whole were in accordance with the wishes of the majority of producers in Malaya. — Reuter.

GOVERNMENT SATISFIED

London, To-day. Asked in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. R. R. Stokes (Labour, Ipswich) whether he was satisfied that it was in the best interest of this country at war that a neutral signatory to the tin control agreement should be responsible for the preparation of statistics on which the quota is based, the Colonies Secretary pointed out that responsibility for preparation of tin statistics lay upon officials paid from the funds of the international tin research scheme.

He was satisfied that these statistics were accurately and objectively prepared.

He was satisfied that the arrangements made since the war were such as the British representatives on the International Tin Committee could properly support in present circumstances. — Reuter.

Keen Debate On Finland In The Commons POINTED QUESTIONS BY MR. HORE-BELISHA

PRIME MINISTER PARRIES CRITICISMS

London, To-day.

DURING A DISCUSSION in the House of Commons yesterday on the Finnish surrender, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Labour Opposition leader, said all were agreed in admiration of Finland's struggle, and while all were relieved that the slaughter had been stopped, all deeply regretted the success of aggression (Loud cheers).

Mr. Attlee added that Britain should render Finland all the assistance possible to repair the damages of this "unprovoked attack."

Mr. Hore-Belisha said he associated himself with the expressions of sympathy with Finland.

He asked was it not a pity in relation to the magnitude of these events and their far-reaching character, for the Allies to plead as an excuse for inaction a pure technicality (Ministerial protest).

Mr. Hore-Belisha asked for an opportunity for a debate "in the light of these events of the whole conduct of the Government."

The Prime Minister, interjecting, said: "It is not correct that repeated requests for men have been made by the Finnish Government. The Finnish Government have made repeated requests for materials and every one has been answered."

"The Finnish Government were informed as long ago as February 25 that if they were to make an appeal to us we were prepared and were making preparations to send men as well as materials."

"In the circumstances in which they found themselves they decided not to make such an appeal."

HOW MUCH AID?

Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal) associated himself with "the condemnation of this successful aggression, and asked whether the published details of the material assistance sent to Finland were accepted by the Government. He suggested they were grossly exaggerated."

Mr. Chamberlain said he could take no responsibility for newspaper figures. He pointed out that the Government had not made a complete statement as to the amount of assistance given Finland.

There would be a distinction between what was sent and what had arrived, because it took some considerable time for material to reach Finland.

"The overwhelming mass of people in this country are of the opinion that Stalin and his Nazi bureaucracy have brought down on themselves the loathing and contempt of every decent man," said Mr. J. McGovern, Independent Labour Party member, in the discussion.

NO THREATS

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour) asked Mr. Chamberlain to make it quite clear that His Majesty's Government had at no time threatened to violate the neutrality of Sweden and Norway.

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "Certainly, at no time did we threaten to do so."

MOSCOW CELEBRATES

Moscow, To-day. The Government is celebrating the acceptance of its terms by Finland as a "great contribution to world peace" and as a blow to Great Britain. — Reuter.

FINLAND SHOWS DISPLEASURE

Helsinki, To-day.

It is officially confirmed that the Ministers of Defence and Education resigned because they could not associate themselves with the Government on the question of peace.

The Helsinki newspapers yesterday afternoon appeared with deep black borders surrounding the peace terms.—Reuter.

ESCAPED NAZIS RECAPTURED

Dar-es-Salaam, To-day.

Two Nazis who were active in Tanganyika before the war have been re-captured following their escape from an internment camp.

They had made their way through 200 miles of wild country and were only 15 miles from Portuguese Africa when captured.

One of them had been the leader of the Nazi Bund before the war in Tanganyika (formerly German East Africa).—Reuter.

"HAVE DONE ALL ENDURANCE AND BRAVERY COULD DO"

London, To-day.

LORD SNELL (LABOUR) said in the House of Lords yesterday: "Your Lordships will have heard the Foreign Secretary's statement on Finland with mixed feelings — first a feeling of satisfaction that the physical agony of a small and almost miraculous little people has now ended, secondly with regret that the spiritual injuries they have received will endure, that right once more has been defeated and wrong once more has triumphed in the world."

"So far as the Finnish people are concerned they may take comfort in the sympathy of all free peoples of the world."

"They have done all bravery and endurance could do. They have set a new standard of resistance against overwhelming odds and have written a page in history that will be read with wonder through generations yet to come."

"We can only acknowledge and admire their indomitable courage and grieve with them in their defeat."

"It must be a proud day for the Russian Empire," continued Lord Snell sarcastically, "with their 180 million of people to celebrate the success of their attack upon a population which is less than that which resides within the area of the London County Council."

"I will not comment on the other Scandinavian nations but I feel sure that if the day of their own trial comes the events of recent weeks and months will not be forgotten."

SAMUEL SPEECH

Lord Samuel found consolatory satisfaction in the fact the Soviets had been unable to impose any political terms on Finland.

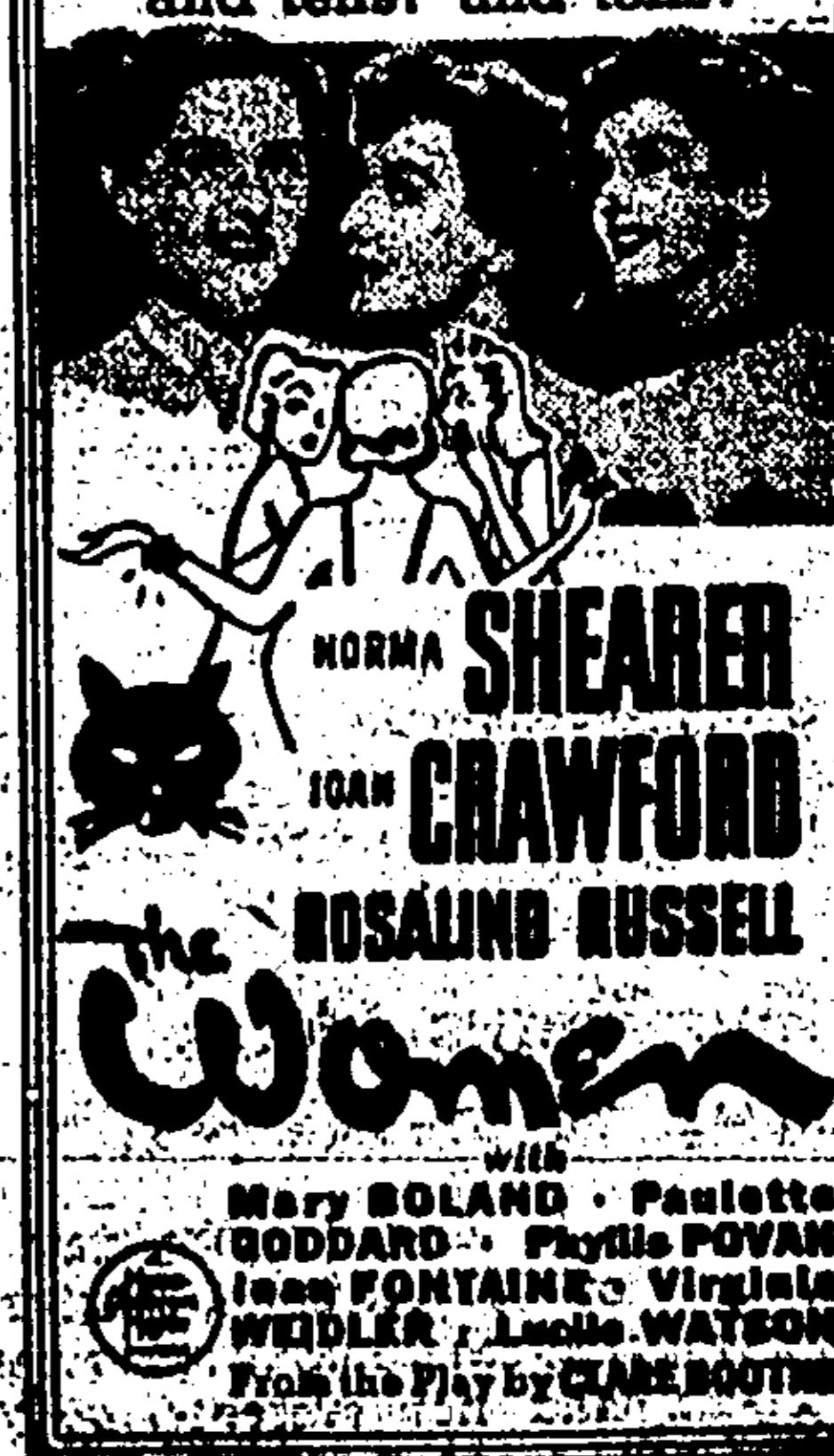
"The claim that the workers of Finland were only too eager to welcome Soviet intervention has been refuted by the gallantry of the Finnish people themselves, who have inflicted appalling losses upon the Russian troops."

"The Finnish Foreign Minister this afternoon, according to reports, just received, attributed the disaster which has fallen on his country, to the decisions which had been reached by the Governments of Sweden and Norway not to permit the passage of troops of the Allies."

"It is not for us to criticise, even to comment, upon those decisions. Those countries know better than anyone

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

NAZI RELIGION

The clergy have been all too long the lackeys of our destroyers. What right have they to offer help now, and to exploit the moments when men feel forsaken, in order to make them conscious of their spiritual needs? Our victories spring from a strong, though unconscious, religious drive—but the religion is not that of Christ, but of faith in the Reich.—"Schwarze Korps."

and is bound to be disappointed.—"News-Chronicle."

DR. MALAN AND GERMAN TYRANNY

How can it be that not a syllable of moral disapproval descends from the lips of Dr. Malan upon the regime whose ruthless persecution in Germany and criminal assaults upon non-German peoples in Europe proclaim it to be a ruthless foe to that human liberty and Christianity which are the most cherished possessions of the Dutch as well as the British races in this country. Such moral neutrality does its subjects great damage and contributes an element of danger to South African public life. A washing of the hands when humanity is faced with a moral crisis of the present gravity spells a deterioration which would bode ill for this land if it became general. Luckily enough the War has rejected those who are drugging themselves into a conspiracy of silence about Hitler's infamy, and who pretend that the Hitler menace is remote.—"Cape Argus."

CONGRESS ATTITUDE

"No responsible Congress leader, who has anything to do with the formulation or shaping of the policy of that great national organisation, has, to our knowledge, ever suggested that Britain's difficulty should be utilised by India to her own advantage or that Britain should leave India bag and baggage as soon as India attains Swaraj. Some hotheads may hold the view that India should hinder Britain in the prosecution of war; but their number is negligible."

"The Congress at any rate does not hold this view. It has condemned Nazi-ism and all it stands for in unequivocal terms. It has declared its intention of extending its co-operation to Britain in the war, provided Britain makes it possible for it to do so. It does not want to embarrass the British Government at a time when they are fighting for a righteous cause in Europe."

"As regards the other point raised by Dr. Paranjpye, the Congress leaders fully realise that the country at present is wholly unprepared to withstand successfully any foreign aggression, if the British help is not forthcoming."—"The Tribune."

FALSE HOPES

As long as Mr. Sumner Welles is in Europe, he is bound to figure very prominently in the news. He is the personal emissary of the President of the greatest neutral country, and what he says and does is undoubtedly important.

There is, however, a danger that more may be read into his mission than the facts justify, particularly in neutral countries. The European neutrals are desperately anxious for a peace settlement, and are perhaps less disposed to scrutinise the terms than we are. Although Mr. Roosevelt has made it perfectly clear that Mr. Sumner Welles has come to Europe for the sole purpose of collecting information at first hand, some neutral observers are cultivating the hope that the visit will lead to something more.

Nothing at the moment justifies such a hope. There is not the slightest sign that Germany is prepared to accept the minimum terms of the

Allies, or that she will do so until she is forced into acceptance by defeat. A peace settlement on any other terms would be a disaster for Europe, and to hope for such a settlement is merely to play the Nazi game.

President Roosevelt knows all this very well. He has repeatedly made it clear that America, while neutral in practice, is not neutral in sympathy and he has castigated the dictators as vehemently as any Allied statesman. He can be completely trusted not to put forward an attempt to impose on the Allies any peace proposal which would establish Nazidom in Europe.

Anyone, therefore, who seeks to read into Mr. Sumner Welles' activities preparations for a patched-up peace drive is simply living in cloud-cuckoo-land

THE NAZI PRESS

Day after day the "Volkischer Beobachter," "Angriff" and the "National Zeitung," the three principal organs of the Nazi party in articles, "news" items and cartoons lift their shrill, hysterical voices in a song of hate against which the "Gott strafe England" of the last war is nothing but a gently-crooned love song. The anthem of hate is reinforced by the fact that it is directed against the British alone, apparently on the ground that it would be inadvisable to dissipate present concentration, the evidence of the existence of the one-track mind. Obviously it is the belief of the authorities controlling the German press that, if sufficient attention can be directed towards the alleged sins of the British, the German peoples will forget the grievous wrong which their rulers are doing them. If it is not that, it must be something in the nature of aboriginal tribal dances designed to stimulate participants into a state of unreasoning.—"North China Daily News."

SOUTH AFRICA AND ITALY

Silently and surely the great Dominions of the British Commonwealth are organizing their resources and their man power so that they can play their part with the Mother Country and France against Nazism and its evils. In South Africa the work of defence and organization has been speeded up. New units are being extended. But the Union is in a somewhat different position from the other Dominions, and those who feel that South Africa is not sufficiently fulfilling her obligations are allowing their judgment to become clouded by sentiment. There is obviously no certainty that Italy will continue to remain neutral; and until her absolute disinterestedness to the present conflict is assured it would be the height of folly for the Union Government to allow this country's limited man power to be seriously depleted by the departure to Europe of a large number of volunteers. If Italy links up with Germany it is certain that the African continent will again become a theatre of war.

WHAT GERMANY IS FIGHTING FOR

"It is a fight for the destruction of England, the leadership of the world and the dominion (Herrenthum) of our race. If there be a God and a higher Providence, then must He give to the higher race, that is to us, higher rights."—Dr. Ley.

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"Natal Mercury."

Sir Michael O'Dwyer Shot Dead By Fanatic

SENSATIONAL LONDON OUTRAGE

LONDON, To-day.

SIR MICHAEL O'DWYER, FORMER GOVERNOR OF THE PUNJAB, WAS SHOT DEAD AT A MEETING OF THE INDIA ASSOCIATION LAST NIGHT BY AN INDIAN GUNMAN, WHO ALSO WOUNDED LORD ZETLAND, SECRETARY FOR INDIA, WHO ESCAPED WITH A SLIGHT BULLET GRAZE.

Sir Louis Dane, former Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, was wounded and had his arm broken. Lord Lamington, former Governor of Bombay, also received arm injuries, while Brigadier-General Sir Percy Sykes, a well-known authority on the Middle East, who was standing next to Lord Zetland, was unhurt.

The shooting occurred at the close of a crowded meeting in Caxton Hall, London. Lord Zetland fell by the side of the presidential chair and Lord Lamington and Sir Louis Dane were seen to be hit.

A man clasping a gun was heard to shout "Make way" and dashed down the crowded aisle towards the door.

For a moment there was a stampede but two men jumped on him.

ASSASSIN ARRESTED

The assassin is an Indian subject named Mahomed Azad, 37.

He is being charged with the murder of Sir Michael O'Dwyer and shooting with intent to murder Lord Zetland, Lord Lamington and Sir Louis Dane. He will appear at Bow Street police court to-day.

No-one in the audience of 150 was allowed to leave the meeting or telephone for two hours and a half.

The police threw a cordon round the building and took statements from everybody present.

BULLET IN CLOTHES

Lord Zetland told a reporter: "I heard a bang close to me and then a sharp pain in my ribs. It knocked me out and while I was down I heard more shooting."

A bullet was found in Lord Zetland's clothes at the hospital.

The shooting occurred at the close of the crowded meeting and a short dark thick-set Indian was seen to make his way towards the press table.

There were four shots in rapid succession and Sir Michael O'Dwyer was seen to fall to the ground, bleeding profusely from a wound in the chest.

The Amritsar shooting affair occurred while Sir Michael O'Dwyer was Governor-General of the Punjab. The commander of the troops at Amritsar, General Dyer, was relieved of his command because of the shooting.—Reuter.

CONTRABAND CONTROL

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare announces that there were 23 neutral ships in the three United Kingdom contraband control bases yesterday, whereof 14 had been three four days or less.

During the week ending March 9 the contraband committee considered the cargoes of 86 ships, which had arrived since March 2, and 47 cargoes from the previous week. In 68 cases the entire cargoes were released.—Reuter.

GINGER ROGERS GETS HER DIVORCE

Los Angeles, To-day.

Ginger Rogers yesterday was granted a divorce on the ground that her husband, Lew Ayres, deserted her.—Reuter.

WAR COSTING SIX MILLIONS A DAY

London, To-day. Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, moving the vote for a credit of £700,000,000 in the House of Commons yesterday, said that the Army, Air Force and Ministry of Supply were costing nearly £4,000,000 daily.

Lumping together all expenditure, including debt charges and social services, Britain was at present spending about £6,500,000 a day.—Reuter.

LABOUR UNREST IN COLONIES

London, To-day.

Mr. A. Creech Jones (Lab. Shipley) asked in the House of Commons yesterday what steps were taken to improve the conditions of harbour workers in Singapore and whether steps were being taken to evict strikers from their homes.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, the Colonies Secretary, said he was asking the Governor for information on the present situation.

Replying to supplementary questions by Mr. Creech Jones, Mr. Macdonald said he was not certain that people were being evicted but as soon as he got a report he would take any proper action.

There was Ministerial dissent when Mr. Ernest Shinwell (Lab. Seaham) asked whether it was not singular that there had been labour unrest in nearly all the colonies since Mr. Macdonald assumed office. Mr. Macdonald made no reply.—Reuter.

FINNISH LOSSES IN CAMPAIGN

Oslo, To-day.

According to the "Arbeider Bladet," Finnish losses in the Russian campaign total 17,000 men, including 2,000 officers and non-commissioned officers, while material damage exceeds £8,000,000.

Despite the hard conditions most Norwegians greeted the peace with relief.

The newspapers emphasise that help for Finland is now more necessary than ever.

In Stockholm, the Swedish "Help Finland" committee appeals to the Swedish people to "help our sister nation."—Reuter.

DEBATE ON WAR PLANNED

LONDON, To-day.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IS LIKELY TO DEBATE THE WAR ON TUESDAY, WHEN IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL REVIEW THE WHOLE SITUATION.

The debate will enable the question of Finland to be raised, while the Opposition wish to raise a number of questions dealing with the war.

Mr. C. R. Attlee will be the principal Labour speaker.—Reuter.

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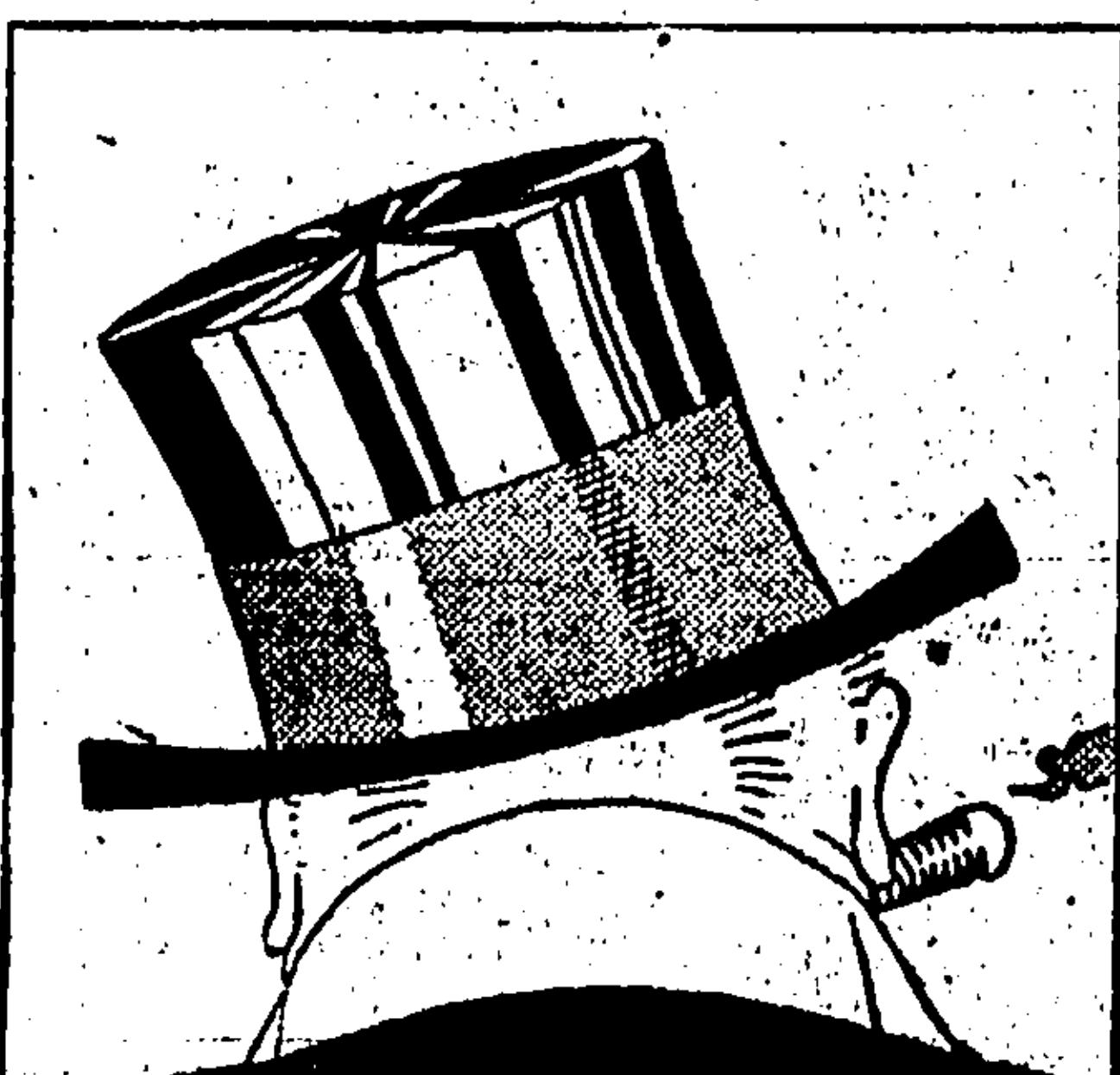
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PARTNERS IN LEGAL DISPUTE

Chau Cheuk-kwong and nine other partners in the Wellington Cafe, No. 100, Queen's Road West, were plaintiffs in a partnership dispute this morning before Sir Atholl MacGregor.

The defendants were Leung To-yuen and Kwong Hing-chak and were represented by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, while the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Mr. C. d'Almada, was for the plaintiffs.

Plaintiffs claim an account, payment of which is due by first defendant, an injunction to restrain defendant from disposing or interfering with the partnership assets and dissolution of the partnership.

The defence answer is that the business is not a partnership, at will, denies that the indebtedness had been paid out of profits accrued, alleges that the cause of dispute was due to the conduct of plaintiffs, and says that a dissolution would be inequitable and a great hardship to defendants.

Mr. d'Almada said the partnership started in 1929 and was of no fixed duration. One partner had since retired and another had died. First plaintiff was appointed managing partner on the death of Lai Tak-sum, and first defendant as assistant managing partner.

When the accounts were then examined, it was found that first defendant owed the firm over \$3,800, of which \$700 had been repaid out of the profits.

PLAINTIFF'S EVIDENCE

Chau Cheuk-kwong said that the business was formed in 1929. There was no specific period set and it could be dissolved at any time. Lai Tak-sum, one of the partners died three years ago. He was the original managing partner and he (witness) was appointed managing partner by the surviving partners and carried on the business till now.

When he was appointed manager, the accounts were gone into and it was found that first defendant owed the firm \$3,822.30. He signed a borrowing note. Some \$778.28, defendant's share of the profits, was credited against this account.

PROPER COURSE

Cross-examined, witness said he was appointed temporary managing partner and the appointment of a permanent manager was to be decided later. The partners later decided that he should carry on.

In 1937, all the partners were friendly and his attitude to defendant had not changed, but he had taken the proper course of demanding the money when it was due.

He had written, on instructions from the partners, to the Urban Council requesting a transfer of the licence from defendant's name. This was because defendant had taken away the licence and it was nearly due for renewal.

The transfer was refused. The case is proceeding.

TO-DAY'S SOLAR HALO PHENOMENA

A very beautiful display of solar halos was first seen at about 9.30 a.m. this morning, and by 10 a.m. a complicated system of luminous rings and arcs had appeared.

The sun was surrounded by a concentric circular ring, having an angular radius of 22 deg.; this is the commonest form of solar halo, and is quite frequently seen in Hong Kong. Surrounding this circle, and touching it above and below the sun, was an elliptical ring, which is very rarely seen. Both these rings were coloured red on the side nearest the sun, and shaded off to bluish white on their outer edges. They were extremely brilliant above and below the sun, and comparatively faint to right and left.

Cutting these two rings, and passing through the sun, was a colourless white circle, centred on the zenith, and running completely round the sky parallel with the horizon. At the point on this circle opposite to the sun was a brighter white patch, known as the "counter sun"; two more faintly coloured arcs intersected at this point.

All the various halos and arcs are due to the refraction and reflection of the sun's rays by minute ice-crystals floating at great heights in the atmosphere.

High clouds of the cirrus type are normally composed of ice-crystals, but this morning, the cloud layer responsible for the display of halos was so thin that it merely appeared as a whitish veil over the blue of the sky.

By noon the 22 deg. halo was still very bright, though the other rings and arcs had almost disappeared. The display was the finest seen in Hong Kong within the memory of any of the Observatory staff.

The ordinary 22 deg halo is observed on the average about 21 times annually; 5 in July; 4 in August, 3 in June and September, 2 in May, 1 in April, October and November; the remaining months December to March supply 1 between them.

Although halos were at one time considered a sign of bad weather, little significance is attached to them as a weather prognostic nowadays, says the Director of the Royal Observatory.

PRISON FOR BEATING HER DAUGHTER

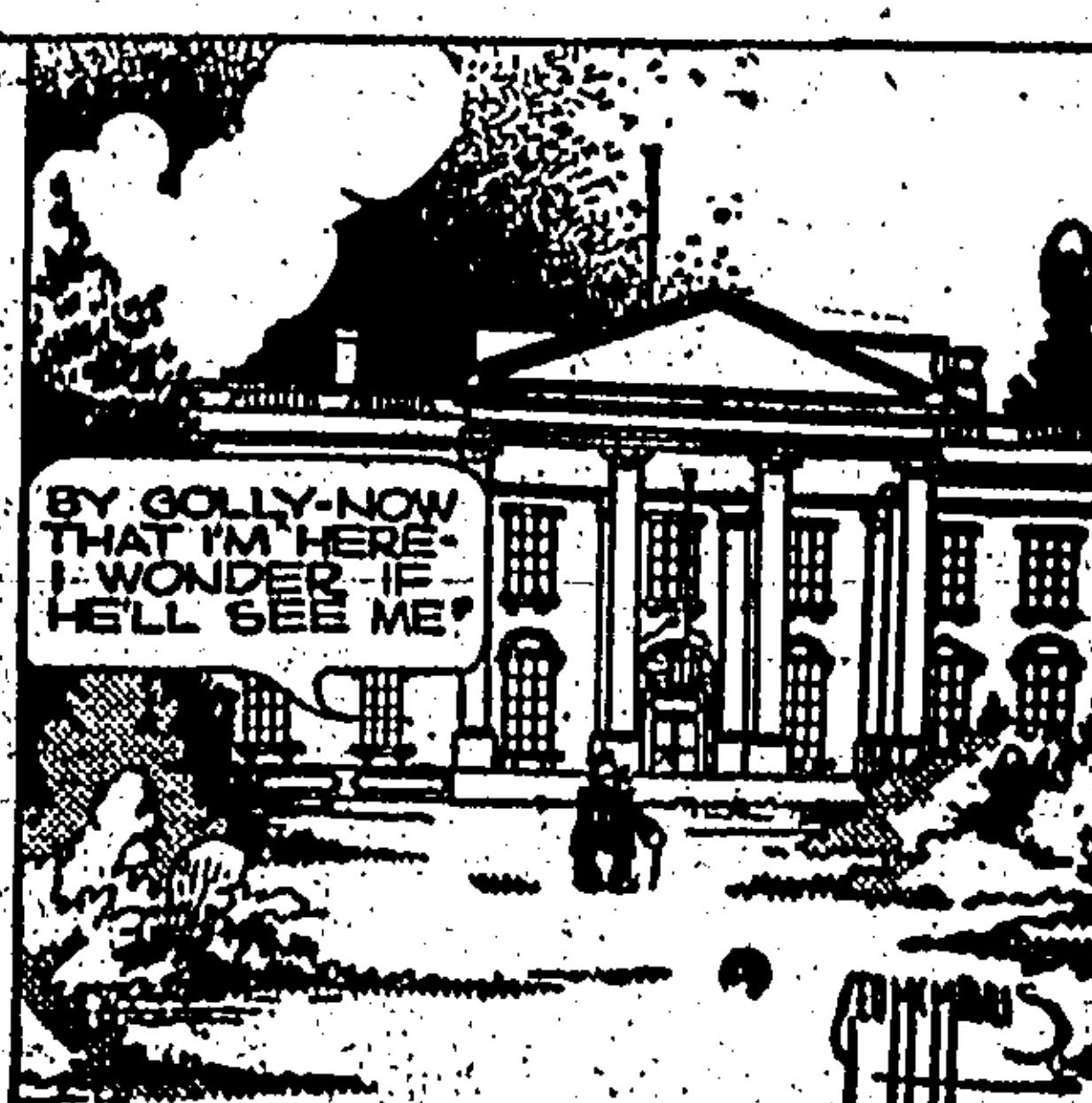
Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed on Siu Yuk-lam, 24, a woman, this morning, for assaulting her daughter at No. 133, Hennessy Road.

Mr. H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., said that the girl, who was her daughter, was badly beaten over some domestic affair. Bruises were found all over the girl's body.

BANISHEE ESCAPES

Whilst being escorted by a District Watchman to obtain personal property, a banishee made a successful bid for freedom, in Wellington Street yesterday. He has not yet been re-arrested.

By George McManus



HITLER WILL SCUTTLE HIMSELF

London, To-day. If Germany is defeated, Hitler will "scuttle himself," M. Jan Masaryk, Czech Minister in London, told the British and North American Luncheon Club yesterday.

The Germans, he said, were "terribly stupid." The fact that Ribbentrop spoke to Mr. Sumner Welles in German was stupid, because "he speaks English as well as I do."

Mr. Masaryk speaks English extremely well.—Reuter.

THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE

London, To-day. "Whatever the transient future of the war, there can be no hesitation and no compromise," Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, told the Foreign Press Association yesterday.

His meetings with Hitler, he said, had led him to believe that Hitler was incapable of understanding the workings of a free democracy.

Commenting on the Empire war effort, Mr. Eden said that it was without parallel in history. When fully developed, its effect on the war would be decisive.—Reuter.

WATSONS' DIVIDEND

The General Managers and the Directors of A. S. Watson and Company, Limited, report that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account at 31st October, 1939, for the year under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, allowing for depreciation of Aerated Water and other machinery and plant, motor transport, furniture, fittings and trade utensils, etc., amounts to \$378,779.41, to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last year \$81,848.30 leaving available for appropriation a total of \$460,627.71. It is proposed to allocate this amount as follows: — To pay a Dividend of 80 cents per Share absorbing \$120,000; To pay a Bonus of 45 cents per Share, \$67,500; To transfer to General Reserve, \$150,000; To transfer to Chinese Staff Super-annuation Account, \$10,000; To write off Building Improvements, \$14,271.87; and Carry Forward to next account, \$98,855.84.

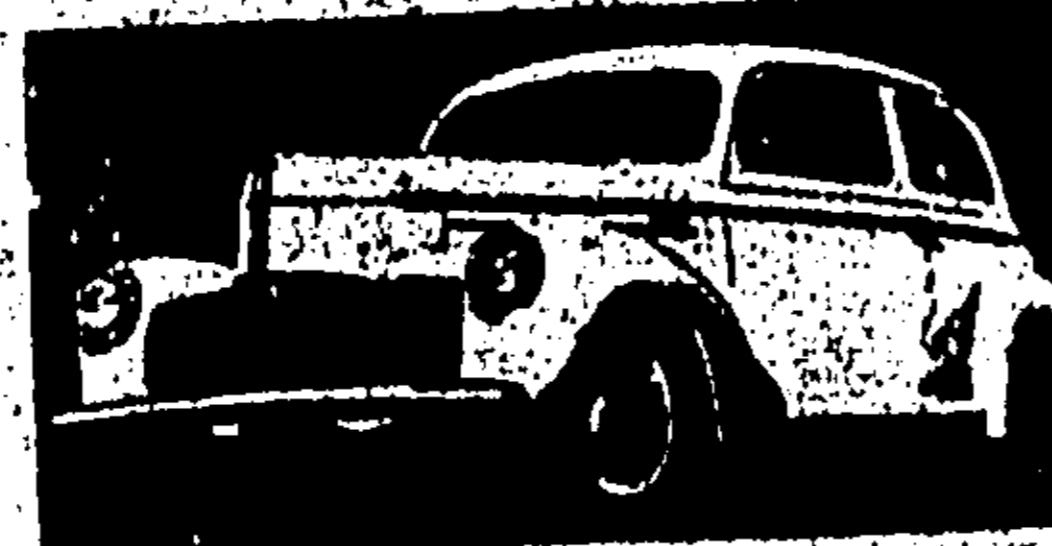
CALM DAY AT FRONT

Paris, To-day. Last night's French war communiqué said there was a calm day on the whole front. — Reuter.

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SUMNER WELLES SEES LL.G.

London, To-day. Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, had an 80-minutes discussion with Mr. Lloyd George yesterday morning.

Owing to the length of the talk Mr. Welles' programme had to be revised. Mr. Welles had a talk with the Australian High Commissioner, Mr. S. M. Bruce, in the afternoon, and then went to the Dominions Office to see Mr. Anthony Eden.

Later he met Mr. James Maxton, the Independent Labour M.P.

Mr. Welles and Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the U.S. Ambassador, had a further talk lasting one and a half hours with the Prime Minister and Lord Halifax at 10 Downing Street in the evening, and dined with the Prime Minister later.—Reuter.

"SOME OF THE GUILT"

London, To-day. The Scandinavian Press is much concerned by the Soviet peace with Finland.

The Danish newspaper "Social Demokraten" says that Finland's affair is Scandinavia's affair and only a military pact among the Northern states could give any security for the future.

The Oslo paper, "Tidens Tegen" calls the peace a tragedy in which the Northern Powers bear some of the guilt. The paper blames the Scandinavian countries for "a weak defence policy and a nervous neutrality."

On the other hand, the Stockholm paper "Aftonbladet" supports the attitude of the Swedish Government.—Reuter.

CANADIAN AIR FORCE INCREASES

Ottawa, To-day. The war establishment of the Royal Canadian Air Force has been increased by nearly 14,000 men, Mr. N. McL. Rogers, Canadian Minister of National Defence, announces.

Provisions are being made for a total of 30,400 men — 2,400 officers and 28,000 men. — Reuter.

IMMENSE SUMS FOR RELIEF IN POLAND

Washington, To-day. Mr. Herbert Hoover, president of the Polish and Finnish relief funds, said on Tuesday night that relief for Poland would be provided on a large scale and might cost £12,000,000 before the end of the year.—Reuter.

Ankara, To-day. The Turkish Minister received the heads of the Allied Air Forces in the Middle East on Tuesday. — Reuter.

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| Manila | March 14. |
| Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service" — San Francisco date, March 7th March | March 14. |
| Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — London date, 6th March | March 14. |
| Shanghai | March 14. |
| Canton | March 14. |
| Shanghai and Amoy | March 14. |
| Shanghai | March 14. |
| Saigon | March 15. |
| Straits | March 15. |
| U.S.A. and Manila — (San Francisco date, 17th Feb.) | March 15. |
| Shanghai | March 15. |
| Japan and Shanghai | March 16. |
| Manila | March 16. |
| Shanghai | March 16. |
| Japan | March 16. |
| Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow | March 17. |
| Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — London date, 9th March | March 17. |
| Saigon | March 17. |
| Haiphong | March 17. |
| Shanghai and Amoy | March 17. |
| Canton | March 17. |
| Europe via Suez and Straits — (London date, 25th Jan.) | March 18. |
| Japan | March 18. |
| Haiphong | March 18. |
| Shanghai and Amoy | March 18. |
| Canton | March 19. |
| Shanghai | March 19. |
| Japan | March 19. |
| Japan and Shanghai | March 19. |
| Japan and Shanghai | March 19. |
| Bangkok and Saigon | March 19. |
| Straits | March 20. |
| Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service" — Paris date, 13th March | March 20. |
| Australia and Manila | March 21. |
| Sandakan | March 22. |
| Rabaul and Manila | March 23. |

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THURSDAY

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| Sandakan | Mar. 14, 12.30 p.m. |
| Fort Bayard | Mar. 14, 1.30 p.m. |
| Bangkok | Mar. 14, 3.30 p.m. |

FRIDAY

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| Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" — due San Francisco, 21st March. | K.P.O. |
| Reg., | Mar. 14, 5.00 p.m. |
| Ord., | Mar. 14, 5.30 p.m. |
| G.P.O. | |
| Reg., | Mar. 14, 5.00 p.m. |
| Ord., | Mar. 15, 7.30 a.m. |
| Amoy | Mar. 15, 8.30 a.m. |
| Haiphong | Mar. 15, 1.00 p.m. |
| Amoy | Mar. 15, 2.30 p.m. |
| Haiphong | Mar. 15, 3.00 p.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada) — due San Francisco, 3rd April. | K.P.O. |
| Parcels, | Mar. 15, 4.00 p.m. |
| Reg., | Mar. 15, 5.00 p.m. |
| Ord., | Mar. 15, 5.30 p.m. |
| G.P.O. | |
| Parcels, | Mar. 15, 4.00 p.m. |
| Reg., | Mar. 15, 5.00 p.m. |
| Ord., | Mar. 15, 7.00 p.m. |

SATURDAY

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| Dairen | Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m. |
| Straits | Mar. 16, 1.30 p.m. |
| Shanghai | Mar. 16, 2.30 p.m. |
| Tientsin (Parcels only) | Mar. 16, 12.30 p.m. |
| Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — due London, 24th March. | G.P.O. & K.P.O. |
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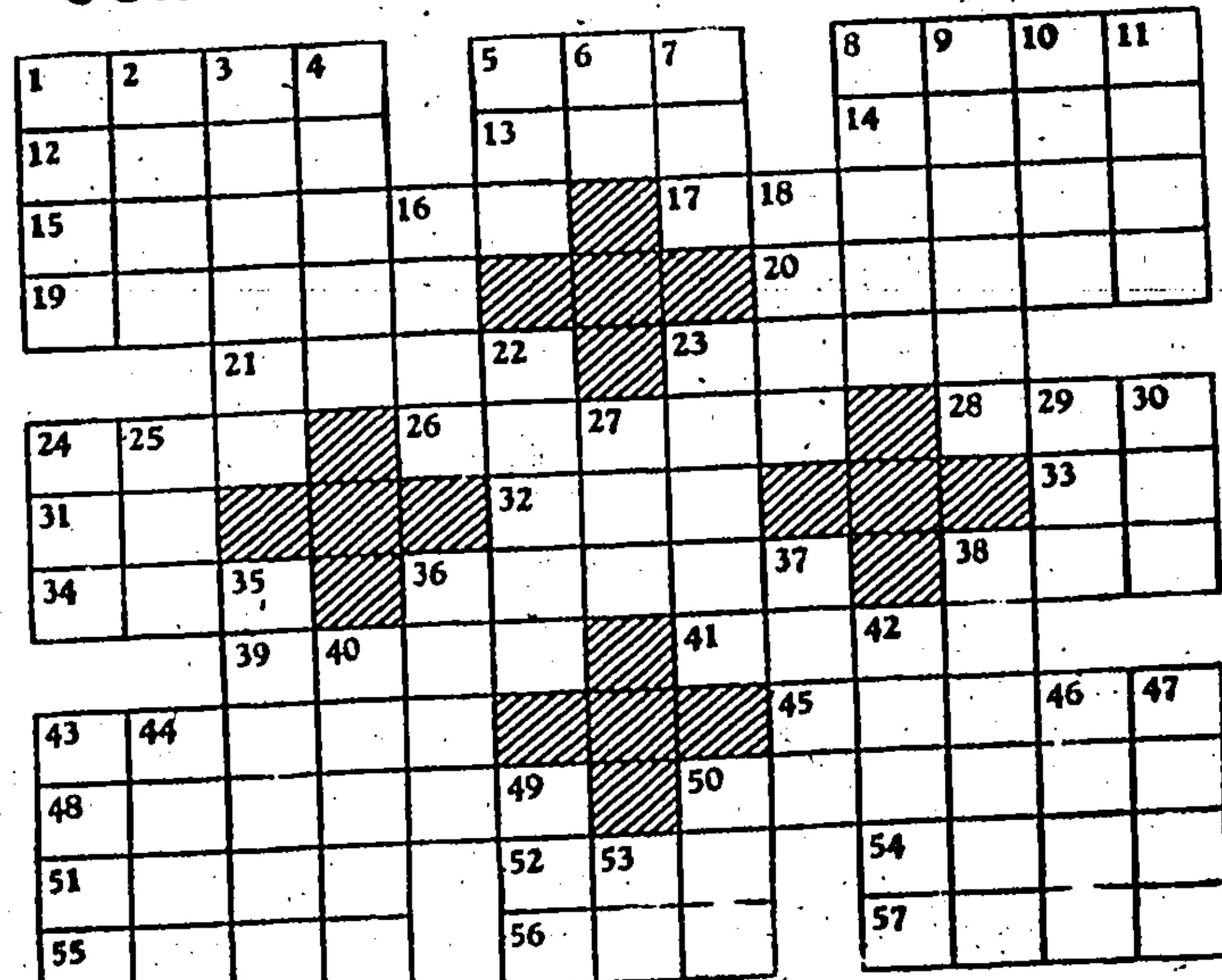
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23 Assessment
24 Twice
26 Inveigled
28 Burmese demon
31 Preposition
32 Rotating piece
33 Toward
34 Hiatus
36 Lowest point
38 Enclosure
39 Son of Eve
41 Musical instrument
43 Sawlike organ
45 More rational
48 Shrewd
50 East Indian herb

51 Dill
52 Misfortune
54 To give vent to
55 To interpret
56 Prior to
57 To challenge

VERTICAL
1 River duck
2 Frost
3 Mountain nymphs
4 Taut
5 Vapour

6 Article
7 Huge
8 Wheeled platform
9 To release
10 Roof edge
11 Fruit drinks
16 Expensive
18 Highway
22 Limited
23 To pardon
24 Swamp
25 Girl's name
27 To cushion
29 Goddess of mischief
30 Measure of weight
35 Separated
36 Tidy
37 Sly trick
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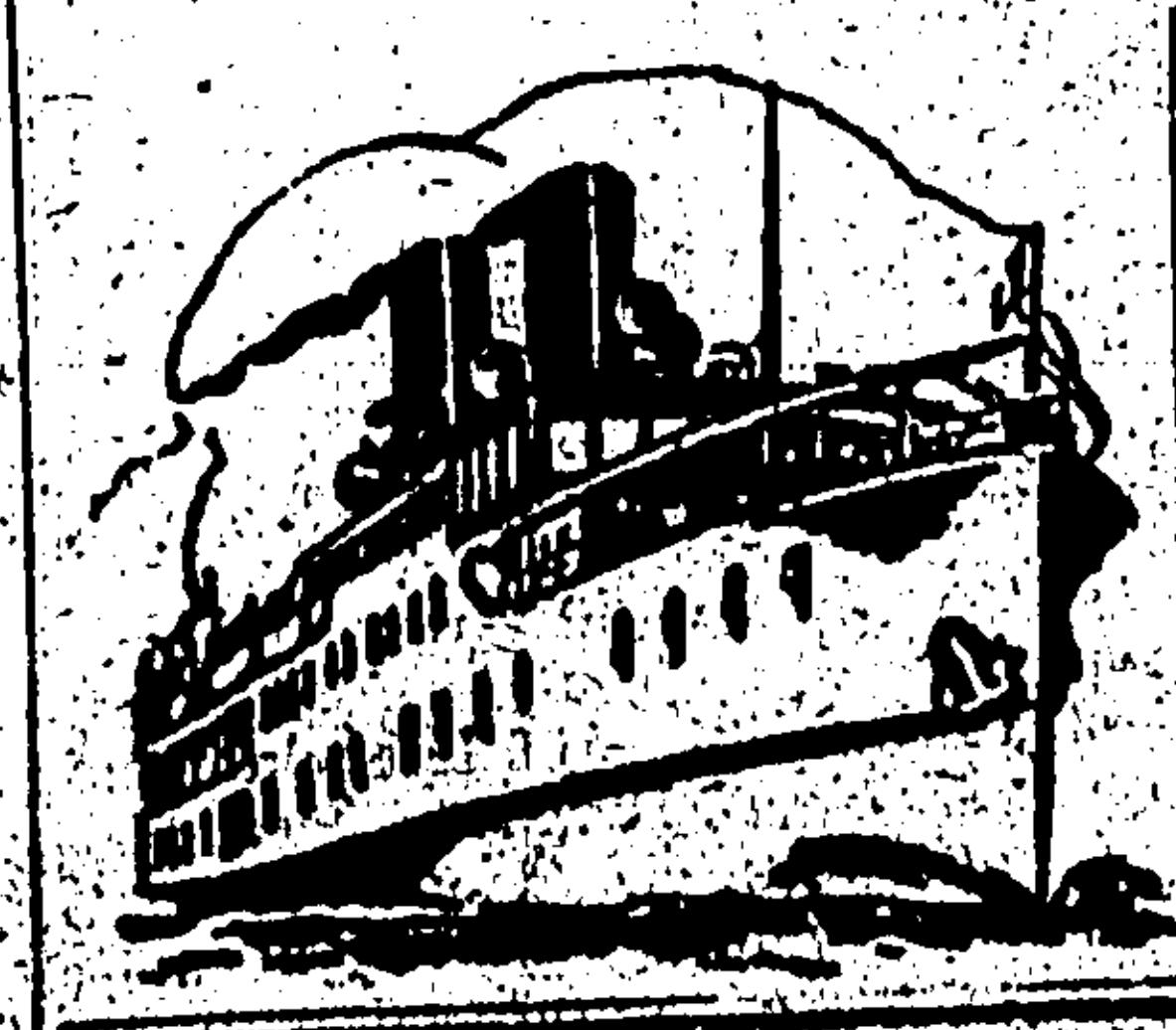
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In Junior Division Major Swyers has displaced T. Ali at the head of the batting, while W. K. Way, of Craignow, qualifies for the bowling list for the first time to take top position from H. Danbrowsky.

FIRST DIVISION

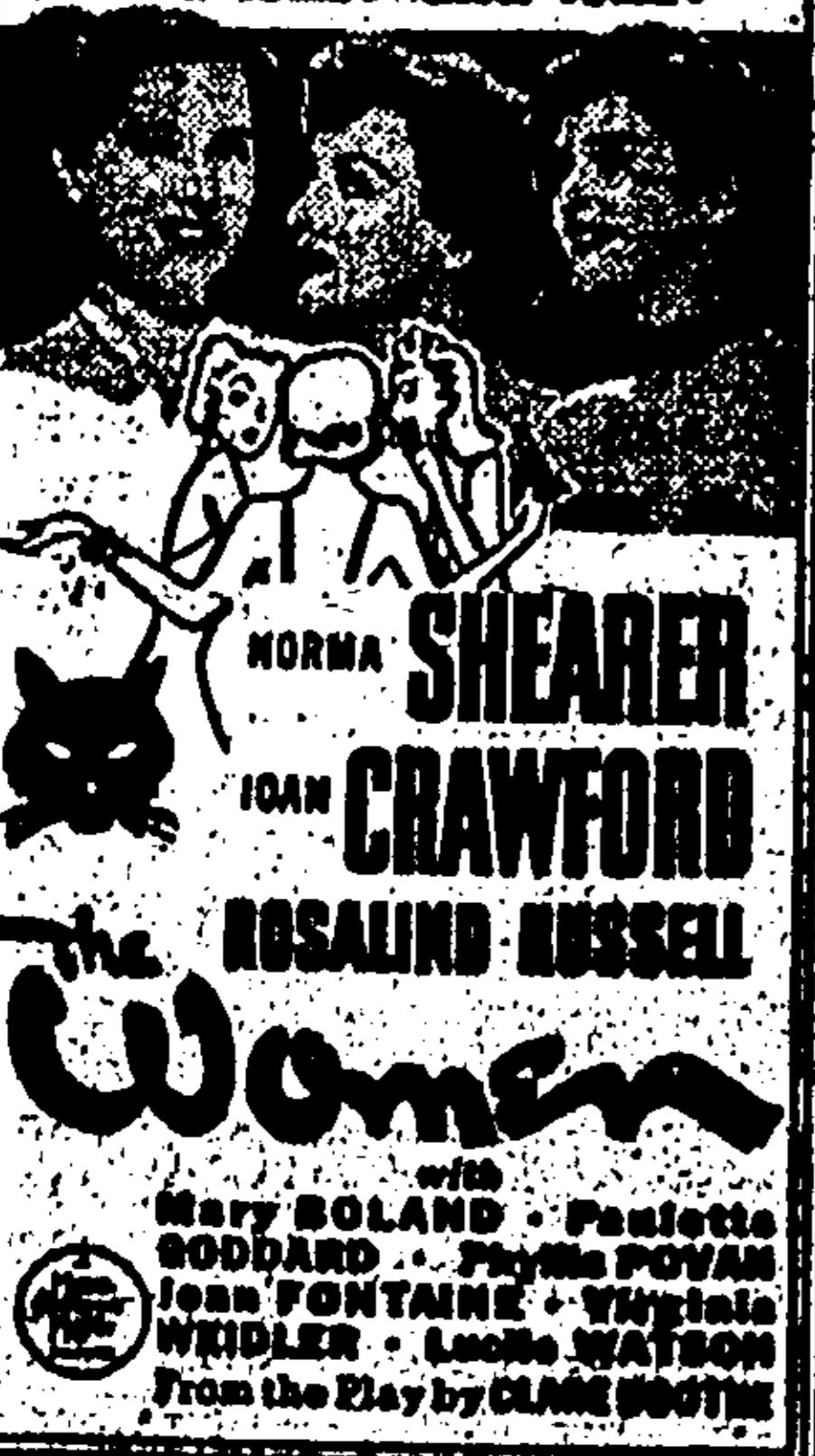
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| D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.) | 5 | 2 | 225 75* 75.00 |
| M. P. Madar (I.R.C.) | 4 | 3 | 62 23* 62.00 |
| Sgt. Webb (Army) | 5 | 1 | 230 88* 57.80 |
| Major Petri (Army) | 3 | 2 | 48 24* 48.00 |
| F. J. Lay (K.C.C.) | 3 | 0 | 138 84 46.00 |
| Capt. Gross (Army) | 4 | 1 | 105 69 36.33 |
| S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.) | 3 | 2 | 38 24* 38.00 |
| K. Nazarlin (I.R.C.) | 5 | 0 | 157 71 31.40 |
| A. H. Madar (I.R.C.) | 5 | 2 | 91 51* 30.33 |
| N. A. Beltrao (Rec.) | 7 | 3 | 59 29* 29.50 |
| W. H. Colledge (C.S.C.C.) | 4 | 0 | 115 70 28.75 |
| F. R. Zimmern (C.C.C.) | 5 | 0 | 141 47 28.20 |
| E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.) | 6 | 1 | 140 57* 28.00 |
| H. P. Lim (C.C.C.) | 5 | 1 | 100 76* 25.00 |
| A. R. H. Esmail (C.C.C.) | 4 | 0 | 91 56 22.75 |
| Sgt. Denyer (Army) | 5 | 0 | 113 43 22.60 |
| L. G. Gosano (Rec.) | 5 | 0 | 113 72 22.60 |
| E. L. Arculli (I.R.C.) | 6 | 1 | 100 25 20.00 |
| E. L. Gosano (Rec.) | 5 | 0 | 103 47 20.60 |
| Chim Thian-siew (Univ.) | 3 | 1 | 39 20* 19.50 |
| A. H. Rumjahn (I.R.C.) | 5 | 0 | 97 47 19.40 |
| A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.) | 6 | 0 | 116 33 19.33 |
| E. Zimmern (C.C.C.) | 5 | 0 | 95 37 19.00 |
| M. el Arculli (I.R.C.) | 4 | 1 | 51 10* 17.00 |
| Capt. Skipworth (Army) | 5 | 0 | 81 44 16.20 |
| W. S. Gegg (Univ.) | 4 | 1 | 48 44* 16.00 |
| N. B. M. Whitley (C.S.C.C.) | 4 | 1 | 47 37 15.67 |
| G. N. Gosano (Rec.) | 5 | 0 | 77 27 15.40 |
| A. J. Hulse (C.C.C.) | 4 | 0 | 61 30 15.25 |
| E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.) | 3 | 3 | 34 26* — |
| BOWLING | | | |
| (Qualification—3 matches; 5 wickets; av. of 15 and under.) | | | |
| O. M. R. W. Ave. | | | |
| D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.) | 22 | 6 | 74 12 6.17 |
| P. J. Billimoria (C.C.C.) | 24 | 7 | 91 13 7.00 |
| G. Winch (C.C.C.) | 34 | 7 | 111 13 8.46 |
| L/Cpl. Young (Army) | 20.5 | 3 | 103 12 8.58 |
| H. L. Ozorio (Rsc.) | 54.2 | 13 | 145 16 9.08 |
| G. Hong Choy (Univ.) | 15.3 | 1 | 102 9 11.33 |
| Sgt. Denyer (Army) | 36 | 4 | 172 15 11.47 |
| A. R. Minu (I.R.C.) | 67.5 | 12 | 308 25 12.24 |
| E. L. Gosano (Rec.) | 53 | 11 | 163 13 12.54 |
| R. J. Fenton (C.S.C.C.) | 31 | 1 | 151 11 13.73 |

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It is unofficially learned that negotiations are shortly to start for a swimming team from the Philippines to visit the Colony during the summer.

SECOND DIVISION

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| | N. | H. | I. O. R. S. Ave. |
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| Major Swyers (Army) | 5 | 3 | 103 33 51.50 |
| T. Ali (I.R.C.) | 3 | 2 | 44 18* 44.00 |
| Lt. Fergus (Army) | 4 | 1 | 116 106* 35.33 |
| H. A. Barros (Rec.) | 5 | 1 | 131 55* 32.75 |
| C. Pope (Police) | 3 | 0 | 191 63 30.33 |
| U. A. Esmail (C.C.C.) | 3 | 2 | 26 13* 26.00 |
| J. A. Soares (Rec.) | 3 | 2 | 29 17* 29.00 |
| R. M. Soares (Univ.) | 4 | 1 | 77 48* 25.67 |
| T. Lock (C.C.C.) | 6 | 2 | 100 50* 25.00 |
| F. J. Lay (K.C.C.) | 5 | 0 | 121 44 24.20 |
| M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.) | 5 | 1 | 92 46 23.00 |
| K. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.) | 5 | 0 | 112 54 22.40 |
| W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.) | 8 | 1 | 156 49* 22.29 |
| A. V. Gosano (Rec.) | 3 | 0 | 86 33 22.00 |
| G. Ainslie (C.S.C.C.) | 5 | 0 | 111 86 22.00 |
| H. M. Xavier (Rec.) | 5 | 1 | 87 58* 21.75 |
| Capt. Lawrence (Army) | 6 | 0 | 124 41 20.67 |
| C. W. Lam (C.C.C.) | 5 | 1 | 82 26* 20.50 |
| P. H. Laughlin (Police) | 16 | 0 | 119 38 19.83 |
| T. T. Chin (Univ.) | 3 | 0 | 57 44 19.00 |
| E. Curtis (K.C.C.) | 7 | 3 | 75 27* 18.75 |
| M. I. Razack (I.R.C.) | 5 | 0 | 90 30 18.00 |
| J. E. Noronha (Rec.) | 3 | 0 | 54 32 18.00 |
| A. M. Prata (Rec.) | 4 | 0 | 70 33 17.50 |
| R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.) | 7 | 0 | 121 37 17.29 |
| F. H. Carvalho (Rec.) | 3 | 1 | 34 25* 17.00 |
| G. Stone (C.S.C.C.) | 6 | 0 | 101 33 16.83 |
| W. L. Clarke (Police) | 6 | 0 | 101 36 16.83 |
| H. Danbrowsky (Police) | 6 | 1 | 83 34 16.60 |
| F. A. Curreem (I.R.C.) | 5 | 0 | 97 32 16.17 |
| K. M. Baxter (K.C.C.) | 7 | 0 | 111 27 15.88 |
| J. L. Stephens (Police) | 8 | 1 | 77 44* 15.40 |
| G. A. Gutierrez (Rec.) | 4 | 1 | 48 24* 15.33 |
| W. K. Way (C.C.C.) | 5 | 0 | 78 28 15.20 |
| J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.) | 4 | 0 | 60 38 15.00 |

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| | N. | H. | I. O. R. W. Ave. |
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| W. K. Way (C.C.C.) | 10 | 1 | 52 10 5.20 |
| H. Danbrowsky (Police) | 18.5 | 1 | 112 17 5.59 |
| Y. T. Barros (I.R.C.) | 29.7 | 4 | 97 14 6.93 |
| G. A. Gutierrez (Rec.) | 38.1 | 4 | 150 21 7.14 |
| A. V. Gosano (Rec.) | 18.4 | 6 | 46 20 7.67 |
| E. el Arculli (I.R.C.) | 34.6 | 5 | 117 14 8.36 |
| R. Baldwin (K.C.C.) | 42.6 | 2 | 126 14 8.93 |
| Pte. Hatfield (Army) | 24.4 | 8 | 63 7 9.00 |
| M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.) | 59.5 | 8 | 106 21 9.33 |
| A. M. Omar (C.C.C.) | 56 | 11 | 188 20 9.40 |
| Lt. Peal (Army) | 17 | 2 | 97 10 9.70 |
| J. E. Noronha (Rec.) | 25.3 | 3 | 93 9 10.33 |
| B. R. Irene (C.C.C.) | 24 | 3 | 98 9 10.67 |
| F. Blount (Army) | 11 | 1 | 33 3 11.00 |
| F. Forrest (Police) | 15.6 | 2 | 80 7 11.43 |
| G. E. Taylor (K.C.C.) | 27.6 | 2 | 118 10 11.80 |
| C. Pope (Police) | 53 | 4 | 209 18 13.06 |
| E. Curtis (K.C.C.) | 55.5 | 6 | 230 17 13.83 |
| N. Singh (Univ.) | 44.5 | 1 | 248 18 13.81 |
| Lt. Fergus (Army) | 18 | 0 | 78 5 15.00 |

SOCCER

INTERPORT TEAM

The following have been chosen to represent the Colony against Macao on Easter Sunday:—Lau Hin-hon (Eastern); Roughly (Navy); Tsang Chung-wan (Eastern); Kwok Yin-kee (South China "B"); Bright (Middlesex); Capt. Wilkinson (Middlesex); F. Fowler (Club); Chan Kam-hoi (Eastern); Chan Tok-fai (South China "B"); A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's); Reserves—Sammy Tsang (St. Joseph's); goalkeeper; A. J. Hussain (St. Joseph's); full-back; Nicholls (Navy); R. Maxwell (Kowloon); half-backs; Le Page (Navy); forward; Manager, J. Skinner (Club).

Reynolds, who had played in good circles at home, impressed with his display in goal while Stevens and Nicholls were decided acquisitions to

DATTA RAM, HOOK AND DOBSON PROMINENT

(By "ADREM")

ARMY yesterday drew first blood in the Triangular Hockey Tournament when, at Sookunpoo, they beat Club in the first match of the series by 3 goals to 1 after leading by two clear goals at the interval.

Neither side was at full strength, the winners in particular being weakened by the absence of their three Interport forwards, Lt. Pritam Nath, Nerain Singh and Partaub Singh.

Club were without V. C. Bond, their right back, and his place was taken by J. Pennington, an original selection as right-half. R. A. Bates filled Pennington's berth and D. C. Highland came in at left-wing to complete the team.

Army were full value for their win and had much the better of the exchanges throughout. They were sound in every department and the forwards, well supported by a hard-working intermediate-line, launched attack after attack on the Club goal, where only the brilliant efforts of V. M. Benwell prevented a bigger score.

Club were disjointed at forward, while the defence was never better than mediocre, despite some splendid efforts by W. A. Reed and J. Pennington.

FINE DEFENCE

For the winners, Sgt. Dobson in goal, although not tested to a great extent, was reliable, and Stickley and Datta Ram were a solid pair of backs. The latter's hard-hitting cleared his line on numerous occasions but he was inclined to dally with the ball rather than getting his forwards away.

Hook and Jordan gave great displays in the half-back line, the former's form giving the lie to those critics who had considered his game to have fallen off.

In attack, Croston, Homburg and Marshall, the inside-trio revealed splendid understanding and their close inter-passing methods gave Club's defence many anxious moments. The wingers were not as much in the picture but both

FEWER WOMEN FAVOUR THE FIRST BOMBS

A TOPIC FREQUENTLY discussed among all sections of the public may be summarised in the question: "Why doesn't the R.A.F. take the offensive more vigorously?" To test public feeling on this topic the British Institute of Public Opinion included the question: "Would you like to see the R.A.F. bombing enemy military objectives, even if it means that the Germans would bomb back?"

TOTAL FIGURES

Results of the analysis of the total answers showed that opinion divided as follows:

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| "YES" | 52% |
| "NO" | 41% |
| "Don't Know" | 7% |

POLITICAL

There was a fairly considerable difference of opinion between Government and Opposition supporters on the question. They divided thus:

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| "Don't know" | 7% |
| "Yes" | 60% |
| Government .. | 33% |
| Opposition .. | 44% |

Though this is not a political question, the difference can probably be largely accounted for by the fact that those holding pacifistic and anti-war views are usually found on the Left of the political picture.

SEX GROUPS

There was even greater difference of view between men and women. Women were, in fact, the only group to register a "No" vote higher than the "Yes" vote.

The figures were:

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| "Don't know" | 3% |
| "Yes" | 34% |
| Men | 35% |

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| "Yes" | 10% |
| Women | 49% |

The young people seemed slightly more in favour of bombing than either the middle-aged or elderly. Percentage divisions in the three groups were:

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| "Don't know" | 7% |
| "Yes" | 59% |
| Age 21 to 29 | 34% |

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|--------------------|-----|
| "Yes" | 7% |
| Age 30 to 49 | 41% |

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| "Yes" | 7% |
| Age 50 and over | 40% |

ECONOMIC

The higher income group showed a higher "Yes" vote than either the medium income group or the lower income group.

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| "Don't know" | 2% |
| "Yes" | 41% |
| Higher | 57% |

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| "Yes" | 7% |
| Medium | 52% |

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|-------------|-----|
| "Yes" | 7% |
| Lower | 52% |

COMMENTS

An interesting background to the opinion figures is given by the comments. Interviewers are instructed to note down any spontaneous comments on the questions made by those being interviewed.

From those who answered "Yes" to the question came a number of comments along lines which indicated that confidence in the ability of the R.A.F. and our civil defences to deal with



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Released by The New Yorker, 1940

Studious Sue says the way her thoughts stop short she feels the prof. must be holding a stop-watch over them.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NOTICE

The Twentieth Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on FRIDAY, March 15, 1940, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS:

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

Election of Officers and Committee, And Other Business.

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

H. D. ROSENTHAL, Hon. Secretary.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers, The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 14th March, 1940.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will close from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 27th February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1940, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1940, to TUESDAY, the 2nd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th MARCH, 1940.

C.B.S. ANNUAL PHYSICAL TRAINING DISPLAY

March 15th, at 6 p.m.

Special buses will leave the Star Ferry non-stop to the school as follows: 5 p.m., 5.10, 5.20, 5.30 and 5.40 p.m.

Charge: adults 15 cents, children 10 cents.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 21st March 1940 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March 1940 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P & O Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution:

That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July 1940 in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.
2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

By BUD FISHER

MUTT AND JEFF

Herbert and Bernhard Ruff
From the Studio

5.45 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Songs by Paul Robeson (Bass).
Lullaby (from 'The Moor of Peter the Great'); Down De Lovers' Lane (Cook) ...with Piano accomp. by Lawrence Brown.
Roll Up Sailor (film 'Big Fella')...with Orchestral accomp.
6.57 p.m.—Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
Little White Hollyhocks.
Full of Acacias Is Our Village (Frater Lorand).
There Are Unkissed Lips.
White and Red Roses (Cross Bela).

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

You Are The Fellow, Friend Tykody.
My Little Velvet Hat.
Oh! How Long It Seems.
Hungarian Csardas of George Nagy—Slow and Quick (Karoly).
7.10 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Ridin' Up The River Road (Harry Woods); The Simple Things in Life (film 'Curly Top')...Mario "Harp" Lorenzi and His Rhythmics.
Tango—This Is The Kiss of Romance.
Waltz—Love In Your Eyes...Eugene Plint & His Tango Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Alone (film 'Night at the Opera'); Eeny Meeny Miney Mo (film 'To Beat the Band')...Joe Venuti & His Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Two Piano Recital by Herbert & Bernhard Ruff (from The Gloucester Hotel).

8.23 p.m.—Lalo—Symphonie Espagnole for Violin and Orchestra, Op. 21. Bronislaw Huberman (Violin) and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Georg Szell.

8.50 p.m.—Studio—Talk on "Canadians in England".

9.05 p.m.—Songs by Herbert Groh (Tenor).
My Heart Belongs to you Alone (Bixio-Marischka); Song of My Heart (Wismar); Thousand Stars are Shining (Rust)...with Orchestral accomp.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Vive La France". Talk on Life of the French Army and People.

9.45 p.m.—Film Selections.

"Top Hat"—Selection (Irving Berlin)...George Scott-Wood (Piano-Accordeon) with Guitar, Bass and Drums.

"Night of Fate"—Don't let the World see Your Heart; Can you See the Stars?...Pola Negri (Vocal) with Chorus & Orch.

"Roberta"—Selection.

"Sweet Music"—Selection.

...Reginald Dixon (Organ).

10.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.

11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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LACKING DECEPTION

To-day's hand is to our mind a perfect example of naive play by both Declarer and the defending side. Before making any comments, we will simply relate the play as it occurred and allow our readers to draw their own conclusions.

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ 9 6 5
♥ Q 7 4
♦ 8 3
♣ 10 8 7 6 2
♠ K J 4 ♠ Q 10 8 7
♥ J 10 8 2 ♠ 2
♦ Q 7 5 ♠ A K 9 8
♣ Q J 3 ♠ 5 8
♠ A 3
♥ —
♦ A K J 10 9 6 2
♣ A K 5 4

The bidding:
South West North East
20 Pass 2NT 30
40 40 Pass Pass
50 Dbl. Pass Pass
Pass

South trumped the opening heart lead and played the Ace-Kings of diamonds and clubs. The third club was played and West, winning with the Queen, led a second heart. Declarer then knocked out the high trump, ruffed another heart lead and was then able to discard his losing spade on dummy's fifth club.

We should first like to point out South's complete lack of deception. By playing out his top cards in both diamonds and clubs, he made his hand an "open book." Since East failed to follow on the second round of both suits, it should have been completely obvious to West that South held seven diamonds and four clubs, and therefore two spades. Thus, when West

got in with the club Queen, it should have been equally obvious that a shift to spades was imperative; for otherwise a discard on dummy's last club was imminent.

South of course should have first knocked out the high trump, meanwhile concealing his club suit. If he had done this, West might have been excused for not immediately shifting to a spade. But inasmuch as South completely revealed his hand, West's blind continuation of hearts was unpardonable.

* * *

You were Merlin Maier's partner yesterday and held:

♠ K x x
♥ A Q x
♦ K 10 x x
♣ A Q J

The bidding:

You Burnstone Maier Schenken
1NT Pass 2♣ Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Your correct rebid is three notrump. Your opening notrump is a maximum, and you have every suit well taken care of.

Score 100% for three notrump, 60% for two notrump (an underbid), 0 for three or four spades (unless your partner has very unusual distribution, you would rather play notrump than spades). If he has this unusual distribution, he can bid four spades over your three-notrump.

QUESTION NO. 368

Neither side is vulnerable. You are Howard Schenken's partner and hold:

♠ A K x x x
♥ x
♦ K x
♣ K x x x x

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken Burnstone You
40 Dbl. Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CONCERT
FOR B.W.O.F.

A disappointingly small crowd last night were treated to a thoroughly entertaining programme at Kowloon Cricket Club at the variety concert in aid of the British War Organisation Fund.

Vocalists Doris Blair (soprano) S. F. D'Aquino (tenor) and Helen Lockhart (contralto) were in excellent voice and Willie Simpson was his inimitable self in two comic items, with his own "Hyde Park Orator" as a special number.

Vic Labrum had the house in fits of laughter with "He's not Old enough to be Old" and Mr. Chiu, who deputised for A. B. Allan, gave an exceedingly clever, "spot of magic."

Led by Helen Lockhart, the audience wound up the concert by singing "Land of Hope and Glory" following which there was dancing to the strains of Mickey's Melody Makers.

Among those present were His Excellency the Governor, His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and the president of the club, Mr. Justice Lindsell.

ALL SAINTS' BAZAAR

A bazaar in aid of the Building Fund of All Saints' Church Hall will be held on Saturday, 23rd March at Homunlin at 10 a.m. Mrs. R. O. Hall will open the bazaar.

INTERNEE
ON MURDER
CHARGE

Lee Kwai-wing, 21, an inmate of the Chinese soldiers internment camp at Argyle Street, was formally remanded for a week by Mr. E. Hinsworth at Kowloon on a charge of murder.

Lee is alleged to have murdered a fellow inmate, Cheng Hap, inside the camp yesterday.

None of the facts were revealed at this morning's hearing, but the "China Mail" understands that a fight arose over money. Deceased is reported to have died of a ruptured spleen in an ambulance while on the way to hospital.

ITALY KEEPING A
MILLION WITH COLOURS

Rome, To-day. Italy is keeping 1,000,000 men with the Colours, the Under-Secretary for War reveals.

This would enable Italy to face all developments in the international situation, he said.—Reuter.

ARMY SWIMMING BATH

The new Army swimming bath above Victoria Barracks will be completed shortly and should be ready by the swimming season.

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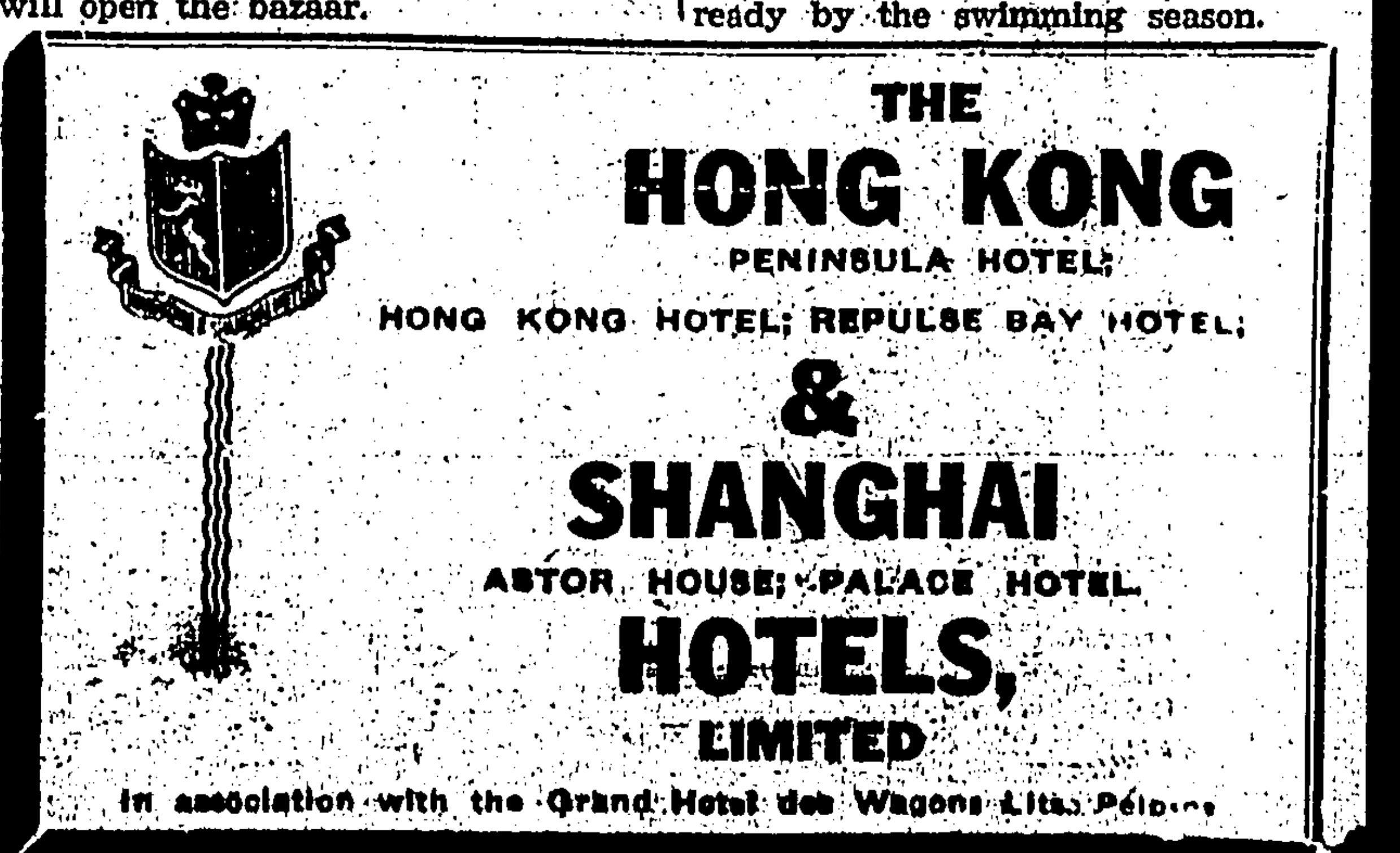
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CLUB FAVOURITES FOR RUGBY SEVENS TITLE

No Apparent Weak Link In Side

8TH HEAVY REGT. SHOW RARE SPEED AND GREAT PROMISE

(By "SCRUM HALF")

A LARGE crowd witnessed Rugby of a high standard, despite several one-sided encounters, in the five remaining preliminary matches in the Blarney Stone Shield Seven-A-Side Tournament on the Club ground yesterday, and all indications point to some really good Rugger on Saturday, when seven games, including the Final, will be played.

Club, favourites for the title, gave a polished display after an early score, and I don't think they will be beaten, despite a very strong challenge from Police "A", who showed big improvement, or 8th Heavy Regt., who should beat Royal Engineers, who caused the only upset yesterday when they beat Tamar and Small Ships "A" after extra time.

There were several changes in the 8th Heavy Regt. "B" team against Police "A", McCarthy taking Lomax's place at full-back, Griffin displacing McCarthy, Foster coming in for Smythe and Pitt deputising for Luckett. Police were unchanged.

Police, who are the holders, gave a greatly improved display on that shown against Combined Services and their stock must have advanced several points as a result. There was only one team in it, and that was not the Gunners, who were swept off their feet by fine open play on a perfectly prepared ground. Rawlins and Freer were the only Gunner players to shine, although they all tried hard, whereas the Police team, without exception, did well, Taylor in particular being in a very aggressive mood.

Wall was responsible for the first score, opening up play with a pass to Fay, who transferred to Wilson, who, with Taylor on his outside, went over between the posts for Taylor to kick a goal. Soon after Taylor forced his way over between the posts following a scrum, but unaccountably failed to convert. Wall secured from the centre kick and gave a lowish pass to Wilson, who took it beautifully to send Fay over between the posts, but Fay also topped his kick and Police led at the interval 11-0.

Early in the second half Wilson broke away and passed inside to Taylor, who easily scored and who converted with a kick he took from 25 yards out. Just before the close McCarthy attempted to land a penalty goal from the half-way line but was short.

Police "A"—Taylor; Fay and Wilson; Wall; Wright-Nooth; Cullinan and Innis. 8th Heavy Regt. "B"—McCarthy; Freer and Griffin; Foster, Macmillan, Rawlins and Pitt.

AMUSING MATCH

Royal Scots "A" made two changes, Parnaby coming in for Marshall and Gibson replacing Cuthbertson, who is injured, while "Arawa" had Madden at full-back instead of Young, Forbes came in for Besler, and Vivian and Young replaced Madden and Arthur in the pack.

The inexperience of the "Arawa" players caused amusement, "Jake" Selby enjoying some of the incidents as much as anyone and as a result forgetting to blow his whistle.

Once the Royals had settled down they won as they liked, though their opponents finished the fresher team. A nice move by Gracie resulted in Ford securing and passing inside to Millar, who crossed over, but the try was disallowed because of a forward pass. Almost immediately after Gracie kicked ahead and, though he tripped over a mass of legs, he recovered fast enough to make a dive for the ball and secure a touch down, which he failed to improve on, the ball rolling over, while one of the "Arawa" for-

wards was also too close to attempt a kick. Parnaby then gave Royals a second try when he raced over in the corner, brushing aside two half-hearted tackles. Gracie failed with the kick and Royals led 6-0 at the interval.

Millar secured from a line-out and sent Gibson over close in, but Millar failed to land a goal from easy range. Soon after Pinkerton was tripped and Millar kicked a fine goal from 40 yards out.

The "Arawa" players were not

quite sure what to do when in possession and their hesitancy allowed Royals to cover up long before real danger threatened. For Royals Pinkerton, Gracie and Millar were outstanding.

H.M.S. Arawa—Madden; Rae and Forbes; Hunter; Williams, Vivian and Young.

Royal Scots "A"—Parnaby; Ford and Pinkerton; Gracie; Millar, Sutherland and Gibson.

WAITE PLAYS GREAT GAME

The only closely contested match of the afternoon was, as expected, between Royal Engineers, Army champions for the past two seasons, and "Tamar" and Small Ships "A," and the Sappers' win after extra time was well deserved as they played the sevens game much more so than their opponents.

"Tamar" brought in Darling for King, but

he did no better than what we have been led to expect from the latter. Sappers dropped Jones in favour of Foley, who gave a sound display all round.

"Tamar" would have done better had they played Carter at full-back instead of Stevens, who lacked speed and who has become too used to finding touch to be of any great value in the sevens game, when touch-kicking generally wastes more time than it is worth. With Carter at full-back Kennedy or Bowden could have been brought in to advantage at threequarter.

Paul had few opportunities and he took them, only resolute tackling by Waite and Foley holding him up. Carter made one brilliant tackle but otherwise failed to impress. Clark was not as fast as he might have been but played a hard game. Bowden might have done better in his position. At forward Ferris shone.

Waite, playing in his last game in the Colony, was mainly responsible for Sappers' triumph—and it was triumph, considering the strong seven they were up against—his defence work being of a high standard while he was always dangerous in attack, both as threequarter and scrum-half. Setting an excellent example throughout a gruelling match, he kept his side together in the face of determined Naval attacks. Birrell scored the try which won the game but he was only a shadow of himself. Artingstall and Foley both believed in kick-and-rush tactics and they often gained valuable ground by these methods. At forward Apperley did well, giving the Engineers a fair share of the ball from the set scrums.

EXTRA TIME NEEDED

Navy kicked off with the sun behind them and were soon getting the ball back from the set scrums, but Carter's handling was weak. The first thrill came following a good dribble by Carter, Paul picking up and beating three opponents before being grassed with no one up in support. A punt to touch saw "Tamar" a yard from the Sappers' line, and from the line-out Carter went over in the corner, but the referee quite rightly adjudged that the ball had not travelled the necessary five yards. Waite then relieved with a kick down field from the resultant scrum but Stevens, with time to come up to his threequarters, kicked to touch. Soon after a reverse pass from Carter to Paul found a big gap in the R.E.'s defence, but the pass was only just forward.

Just before half-time Birrell was pen-

RESULTS IN BRIEF

Following were yesterday's results:

| | | | |
|---------------|----|---------------|---|
| Police "A" | 16 | 8th H. R. "B" | 0 |
| R. Scots "A" | 12 | H.M.S. Arawa | 0 |
| R.E. | 3 | "Tamar" | 0 |
| 8th H. R. "A" | 21 | 5th A. A. "B" | 0 |
| Club "A" | 16 | 5th A. A. "A" | 0 |

Following is the draw in correct order for Saturday:

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|---------------|---|---------------|
| Police "A" | v | R. Scots "A" |
| 8th H. R. "A" | v | R. E. |
| Bank | v | Civil Service |
| Police "B" | v | Club "A" |

LEONARD BEATS O. RUMJAHN

On the Club ground J. W. Leonard had little difficulty in beating Omar Rumjahn in the Open Singles tennis championship when he won by 7-5 and 6-2.

Rumjahn started well and won the first three games, all his points being gained by his chopping. Till then he had Leonard running about the court but the latter settled down and won the next four games by which time it was evident that Rumjahn was feeling the effects of his efforts badly.

With the score 4-3 in favour of Leonard, Omar won the next game after deuce was called and again managed to tie the score at 5 all.

Leonard easily won the remaining two games.

In the next set, Leonard won the first three games but Rumjahn reduced the lead to 3-2, but thereafter was not in the picture.

It is understood that O. Rumjahn has been ill for some time. It was noticeable that he was not as active as usual.

Results

Following were the results of yesterday's matches:

OPEN SINGLES

| | | | |
|------------------|------|--------------|---------|
| R. G. Biesel Jr. | beat | T. A. Pearce | by 6-1, |
| 4-6, 6-3. | | | |
| J. W. Leonard | beat | O. Rumjahn | by 7-5, |
| 6-2. | | | |

OPEN DOUBLES

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|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| A. R. Kitchell | and | I. M. A. Razack | received |
| Ip Koon-hung. | | | a walk over from Dew Shing-cheong and |
| CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES | | | |
| E. S. Hall | (+1/6) | beat | P. Macleod (+1/6) |
| by 6-1, 6-4. | | | |
| C. H. R. Hyde | (-30) | beat | V. R. Gordon (-4/6) by 6-4, 6-3. |
| CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP | | | |
| G. W. Sewell | beat | C. B. Nicholson | by 6-0, |
| 6-3. | | | |
| J. J. Ferguson | beat | A. H. Barwell | by 6-3, |
| 7-5. | | | |

To-day's Programme

OPEN DOUBLES

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| Lee Hua-kek | and | J. W. Leonard | v S. A. |
| and H. D. Rumjahn | (8). | | |

HANDICAP SINGLES

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------|---|---------------------|
| A. C. I. Bowker | (-3.6) | v | F. D. Hunter |
| (+1.6) | (1). | | |
| M. Pagh | (-30.3) | v | G. S. Lovett (+2.6) |
| (4). | | | |
| E. Zulauf | (-15) | v | W. G. Harvey (-2.6) |
| (6). | | | |
| C. M. Stark | (+3.6) | v | W. M. Barton (-3.6) |
| (7). | | | |

HANDICAP DOUBLES

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|------------------|-----|-----------------|--------|
| R. C. Beavan | and | A. K. Mackenzie | (-1.6) |
| v J. S. Theobald | and | S. M. Garrard | (-5.6) |
| (5). | | | |

B. O'M. Deane and | N. Spencer | (-4.6) |

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| v H. D. Bidwell | and | T. T. Dow | (-3.6) (6). |
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HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

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| Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark (scr.) | v | Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Valentine | (-18) (2). |
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place of Dobbinson and Giblin took Sutcliffe's place at full-back. Banner came in at threequarter in place of Mulligan and Clarke displaced Evans in the pack.

Club gave a polished display and Thorison's brains and Bosanquet's speed should secure them the title. There is no apparent weak link in the side.

Gunners took Club by surprise when Sutcliffe kicked ahead and Bosanquet unsuccessfully tried to trap the ball soccer-like and placed all his side offside. Banner led the resultant Gunner rush, and Giblin very nearly secured a touch down. This placed Club on their mettle and Bidwell opened up the game when he broke through and passed to Thomson, but the latter's perfect pass was knocked on by Bosanquet five yards from an unguarded line. Bosanquet, however, raced over between the posts in the next minute and Henderson added the goal points to give Club a 5-0 interval lead.

The second half provided an early thrill when Bidwell broke away near the touch line, only to be brought down brilliantly by Giblin from behind after appearing certain to score. Gunners were penalised soon after and Bidwell dropped a gem of a goal from 40 yards—it was a really great kick. Thomson then cut through the centre and scored a very fine try between the posts and Henderson converted. From the kick-off Bosanquet secured possession and raced over in the corner. Henderson failed with his kick and Club won a one-sided game by 16-0.

Club—Bosanquet; Bidwell; Thomson; Henderson; Needham, Walkden and Hensman.

5th A.A. "B"—Barnes; MacIntyre and Salisbury; Moore; Evans, New and Harley.

THEY LOOK LIKE CHAMPIONS

Club "A", who were unchained, did not start off too encouragingly against 5th A.A. "A," but once they settled down there was only one team in the picture despite heroic attempts by Giblin and Clarke, who shot in the line-outs.

Gunners played Sutcliffe at scrum-half in

TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON

FIRST BIG TEST FOR EARDLEY

(By "ADREM")

Badminton enthusiasts should not fail to make the trip to King's College this evening, for the programme of championship matches gives promise of being easily the most entertaining yet decided.

There are two singles games on the card, the first being between K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew, two of the best players in the University "A" team. Yong has been suffering from a septic foot and this tie has already been postponed once. How far this disability will affect his play remains to be

GOOD WIN FOR ST. ANDREW'S

seen. In any event he has not been able to get in much practice.

Chew is an extremely powerful player, who has most of the strokes and, as he is a trifle faster than Yong, should win if on his game.

CENTRE OF INTEREST

Next match will be the one on which most interest will be centred. It will be the first occasion on which H. Eardley, the entrant who has attracted most interest in the championships thus far, is likely to be seriously extended. His opponent will be the clever P. S. Bun, also a member of University "A".

It will be extremely interesting to see if Eardley's speed and hard hitting will be able to carry him through against the subtle short game at which Bun is so adept.

PROGRAMME

St. Teresa's were deprived of any prospect of winning the Junior Badminton League when at St. Andrew's Church Hall last night they were beaten by the home team by 6 games to 3.

It was not until the second round that the visitors were able to offer an real opposition and St. Andrew's won the first four games of the evening.

In excellent form were Bill Gillies and A. E. Brown, who were the only home pair to win all three games. E. F. Fincher and

H. Kew won two and only lost the third to Ho and Lum after a great struggle. At one stage Fincher and Kew were leading by 16-14.

Austin Ho and Joseph Lum, playing fast badminton, did well for St. Teresa's, winning two games, but Peter Lo and Joseph Tsang, their first string, were right off form and were beaten twice.

In the only other match last night Recreio beat V.R.C. by 8 games to 1.

A. E. P. Guest and A. S. Bliss (St. Andrew's).

SENIOR SINGLES

K. L. Yong v. H. F. Chew (King's College, 8 p.m.)

H. Eardley v. P. S. Bun (King's College, 9 p.m.)

MIXED DOUBLES

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva v. T. T. Chin and Miss M. Ding (King's College, 8.30 p.m.)

J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro v. P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung (Taikoo, 8.30 p.m.)

beat John Chen and F. Chong 23-20

lost to Austin Ho and Jos. Lum 17-21

lost to Peter Lo and Joe Tsang 10-21

; A. E. Brown and W. Gillies (St. Andrew's).

beat Chen and Chong 21-3

beat Ho and Lum 21-3

beat Lo and Tsang 24-20

E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's).

beat Chen and Chong 21-9

lost to Ho and Lum 23-24

beat Lo and Tsang 21-5

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| 1 | Rural Bldg. Lot No. 436. | Between S. Bay Road & Island Road, Repulse Bay, N. E. of Rural Building, Lot No. 431. | " | " | " | " | About 43,000 | \$494 | \$10,750 |

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| | | | N. | S. | E. | W. | | | |
| 3 | N. Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2770. | Junction of Yen Chou Street and Fuk Wing Street, Shamshuiipo. | ft. | ft. | ft. | ft. | About 5,760 | \$108 | \$11,520 |

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| | | | N. | S. | E. | W. | | | |
| 2 | Inland Lot No. 5767. | Blue Pool Road. | " | " | " | " | About 84,500 | \$1,783 | \$21,800 |

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| | | | N. | S. | E. | W. | | | |
| 4 | Ping Shan Inland Lot No. 4. | Castle Peak. | ft. | ft. | ft. | ft. | About 45,700 | \$210 | \$2,284 |

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SWEDEN OBJECTS TO CRITICISM

Stockholm, To-day.

Strong current of feeling against the embarrassing position in which Swedish policy has placed Sweden in the eyes of the world is noticeable in press comments and public conversation.

It is persistently rumoured that negotiations are under way between Norway, Sweden and Finland as a preliminary to talks for mutual guarantees, but nothing official has been disclosed.

Meanwhile, Dr. Gunther, the Swedish Foreign Minister, caused a surprise in an official statement to-day, in which he sought to justify Sweden's refusal to permit the passage of Allied troops and the part played in the peace preliminaries. He declared that the peace terms now agreed were not the terms Sweden passed on as a basis for discussions. He insisted that what the Soviet asked for was mild by comparison.—Reuter.

RELIEF FOR FINLAND

London, To-day.

The question of relief for Finland is already being discussed.

The problems now to be faced by the Finnish Government are so acute that only with outside help can they be solved. The Finnish Government is not able to bear the enormous expense of reconstruction and rehabilitation of her people.—Reuter.

L.G. A BITTER CRITIC

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT IN A COMMENT ON THE FINNISH SURRENDER.

The Government, he said, is always too late in taking action when the life of small neutrals is at stake.

They were too late for Czechoslovakia; too late for Poland; and certainly too late for Finland.

"They are always too late or give too little; or they are too late with too little!"—Reuter.

U.S. AID IN POLAND

New York, To-day.

An agreement has been given by the Allies and the Reich not to attack relief ships carrying food, clothing and medicines for destitute persons in German-occupied Poland, Mr. Herbert Hoover, relief fund president, announced yesterday.

The Nazis will allow an American supervisory committee to distribute the relief and shipments will probably start this week, as soon as the necessary financial arrangements are completed.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a feeble anticyclonic area extends from South China to the east of the Bonins; an anticyclone may develop over Mongolia. A depression is moving north-eastward over the Sea of Japan.

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Legislative Council this afternoon gave the first reading to the War Taxation Ordinance and approved resolutions covering the expenditure of \$5,000,000 on the construction in H.K. of vessels to be presented to the Admiralty and War Department and the gift of £100,000 to His Majesty's Government as a monetary contribution from the Colony of Hong Kong towards the prosecution of the war with Germany.

The War Revenue Ordinance taxes are expected to bring in approximately \$6,000,000 per annum; \$2,000,000 from Property Tax; \$1,000,000 from Salaries Tax and \$3,000,000 from Corporation and Business Profits Taxes. The estimated revenue over a twenty-four months period is, therefore, \$12,000,000.

It is intended to build two minesweepers and four harbour defence craft for the Royal Navy and two ferry tenders for the Army.

It was stated that apart from revenue from the taxes proposed under the War Revenue Ordinance the Colony is in a financial position to make an immediate cash gift to His Majesty's Government.

Introducing the War Revenue Bill, the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters said:

No radical modification has been made: nothing has been added to or subtracted from the recommendations of the War Revenue Committee.

The combination of taxes proposed constitutes a partial income tax freed of certain complications owing to its limited scope and designed to meet the objections of those prominent among whom were the Chinese Members of this Council, who deprecated inquiry or inquisition into personal circumstances, particularly of partnerships, inevitable in income tax proper which is based on the assessment of individual capacity to pay.

As the Rating Ordinance, 1901, prescribes a tax to be borne by the occupier it has been considered necessary to indicate clearly that the Property Tax is intended as a tax to be charged on an acre by the owner, which I think is in accord with the views of the War Revenue Committee. The purpose of this amendment is to prevent the passing on of the tax, as it makes clear that the certificates of fair rent issued under Section 6 of the Prevention of Eviction Consolidation and Amendment Ordinance, 1939, cannot take into consideration a tax definitely described as to be borne by the owner.

I am authorized to state that if any attempt is made generally to pass on the Property Tax to tenants Government is prepared to introduce such legislation as may be considered necessary to prevent this.

The Committee offered no estimate of the revenue expected to be raised by their Bill and in the nature of things such an estimate must be largely guess work, but Mr. Caine, who was largely responsible for framing the original draft of the Bill, suggested that Salaries Tax might produce \$1,000,000 and Corporation and Business Profits Taxes together \$3,000,000, while the receipts from the Property Tax are calculable in the neighbourhood of \$2,000,000.

The Government has accepted the recommendations of the War Revenue Committee and the bill which I am asking to have read to-day for the first time is a Government measure. It is, however, just and pro-

per that I should state at this juncture that in the Government's view the taxation scheme framed in the bill will not be as equitable or as efficient a means of raising revenue as would be an income-tax measure on the lines which you, Sir, and your advisers had in contemplation a few months ago.

It may seem anomalous that an Administration, with a competent majority in the Legislature, should deliberately promote one measure believing another to be its superior, but the explanation is not far to seek. This bill's principal purpose is to finance a not inconsiderable free gift from public funds to His Majesty's Government, and in such a case, it would be improper to force upon the would-be donors by the use of that majority a taxation method to which the unofficial members of this Council had objected strongly and unanimously.

H. E. the Governor said:—The fact that Government has been able to-day to put before this Council the definite proposals which were the subjects of the two resolutions just adopted by the Council discloses that there has been considerable prior discussion of the forms which this Colony's contribution to His Majesty's Government should take. I wish, however, to make it clear that those discussions have been entirely on a contingent basis and that the Colony has not been pledged or committed to any expenditure in anticipation of the Legislature's approval.

It follows, of course, that the Secretary of State is already aware of this afternoon's transactions in this Council and he has warmly approved them in advance. I have also been given by him to understand that these gifts will be received with very grateful appreciation by His Majesty's Government, by whom they are regarded as a most generous and practical contribution to the common effort that is being made throughout the British Empire towards victory and peace.

The Colony should make this cash contribution, not grudgingly, but freely and enthusiastically, and in a spirit of thankfulness that, in spite of the War, the Colony should be able to make such a gift out of its surplus, and without diminishing such surplus to a point endangering the Colony's financial stability.—Mr. M. K. Lo.

Macao, To-day.

Over 52,000 refugees from the Chungshan District have swarmed into Macao creating an acute problem.

Some 5,000 to 10,000 are sleeping in the streets.

Grim stories are related by many of the fugitives of the latest Japanese invasion. Some of the facts are unprintable, but the conditions round Shekki can be imagined from the fact that the Japanese troops have apparently been given licence to wreak their will on the populace.

They were kept under strict discipline for two days after the fall of Shekki. Then came a demand for the production of 500 women. When this demand was not met, the soldiers were no longer held in check.

Looting and raping is rife over the whole district.—Our Own Correspondent.

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